

FAQs about joining the Nurse Honor Guard of the River Cities

- Q: Will it cost anything to join this group?
- A: Dues are \$5.00 per month, payable quarterly (\$15.00/quarter) or annually (\$60.00/year). If you plan to participate in services, you are responsible to provide your own white uniform, and white shoes. (tennis shoes are acceptable as long as they are white). A list of other items required is included in this packet along with instructions for who/how to pay. All fees are required upon membership approval.
- Q: How much time will a commitment to this group take?
- A: It is totally up to you! We need nurses to help with clerical tasks, to solicit donations by approaching local businesses or sending solicitation letters, participating in ceremonies, identifying nurses who have recently passed and relaying the information to Dorothy, and many other tasks we haven't even thought of yet. Please consider any special talents you have. So far God has blessed us at every turn, providing someone who is proficient in whatever task is at hand! We understand that as nurses we have jobs, schedules, families and other commitments. We don't want to burden anyone, but we also need the participation and input of all members to make these tributes the best they can be.
- Q: What areas are we covering?
- A: Areas to be served include, but may not be limited to South Point, Grayson, Louisa, Ironton, and all of Boyd and Greenup Counties. Any services outside this area we may get requests for will be put considered based on whether there is an Honor Guard that covers that area, and if so, we will contact them to discuss the best way to divide services. As we grow, our area of services can definitely be extended.
- Q: Do you accept donations?
- A: We have a tax-exempt status so donations may now be advertised as tax-free.
- Q: Do all requests have to come through a funeral home?
- A: No, If a member is aware of services for another nurse and the family is open to hearing about the services we offer, please let us know so we may contact them. We also provide brochures to Pathways, Hospices, and nursing groups. We have business cards as well to advertise our services.
- Q: Is this group considering any projects other than conducting services at funerals?
- A: We had planned a large Memorial Service to honor nurses who have passed prior to the establishment of the Honor Guard. Due to Covid-19, this was postponed until further notice. A list of deceased nurses not honored by the NHGRC is included in the membership packet and we ask for any additions you may recall. We also hope to establish a scholarship for nursing students in need, with preference to non-traditional students and children of fallen nurses, once we begin to make money. We also make contributions to Food Banks. Our mission is to support Nursing and our communities.
- Q: When and where are meetings?
- A: All members are invited to a quarterly Executive Board meeting to observe how we conduct business and give their input. At these meetings we welcome your suggestions, however, on issues concerning the Constitution, only Executive Board Members may vote. Meeting places vary as to availability. We have an annual Social get together for all members just to have fun, eat, and talk!

Rules of Behavior During Ceremonies

- Ask visitors to please continue with their visitation as we stand guard
- Require total silence of NHG during visitation and services.
- Any time we are notified of a service opportunity, we are to notify Funeral Service Director, who will make calls and coordinate/choreograph each service
- Funeral Service Director will decide, for each service, depending on the layout of the venue, number of

guards attending, etc.- how to get in and out of position and when and where to meet at the venue

- Media Director will announce upcoming services on Facebook via the “Red Alert”
- All members participating in a service are required to be on time
- Members must stand and sit up straight and fold hands in front while walking
- Standing times for guarding caskets will be determined by Funeral Service Director or her designee at each service
- During a service, follow the person in front of you when decided which way to turn or position
- Any changes to be made to the speaking parts will be made by Funeral Service Director before the service
- Dress code for services includes-white uniform and capes, with pins on the right facing lapel of the uniform and the NHRG tag on the right side of the uniform and pins on the left side of the cape, next to the heart, white shoes, and caps. If Face masks are mandatory and must be uniform, navy blue if possible.