



VFW POST 2485
ANGELES CITY, PHILIPPINES
CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY OCTOBER 2017



- 1) All veterans are encouraged to have a clean and readable copy of their DD214 on file both at home and with their veteran's organization. Not finding a deceased veteran's DD214 causes delays in burial and other benefits.
- 2) The last wished of the deceased veteran need to be made known either through a last will and testament or by the next of kin. If wishes are not known, normally the wife or child of age residing the Philippines will have lawful authority over a veteran's disposition as next of kin. Barring either, the next of kin residing abroad will have authority and may issue a Letter of Authorization assigning someone to act as administrator and executor for burial purposes in their absence.
- 3) VFW Post Website has been down and under construction. Please be patient while we rebuild our website.
- 4) Significant Activities (8):
 - 5 October - VFW Post 2485 provided military honors for Bernard Crump, Airman, USAF at Clark Veterans Cemetery. He is buried at Magalang Cemetery.
 - 5 October - VFW Post 2485 provided burial services and military honors for Joe Ross, SSgt, USAF at Clark Veterans Cemetery.
 - 10 Oct - VFW Post 2485 provided burial services and military honors for Jude Iglesias, SRA, USAF at Clark Veterans Cemetery.
 - 13 Oct - VFW Post 2485 provided burial services and military honors for Gerald Pittman, SSgt, USAF at Clark Veterans Cemetery.
 - 17 Oct - VFW Post 2485 provided burial services and military honors for Andres Bismonte, CPO, USN at Clark Veterans Cemetery.
 - 18 Oct - VFW Post 2485 provided burial services and military honors for Walter Ligon, MSgt, USMC at Clark Veterans Cemetery.
 - 22 Oct - VFW Post 2485 provided and military honors for Mark Price, CPO, USN at Leal Haven Cemetery in BamBan.
 - 27 Oct - VFW Post 2485 provided burial services and military honors for Emelito Rivera, CPO, USN at Clark Veterans Cemetery.
- 5) After a delay due to a DD214 record change, we were able to bury Jude Iglesias next to his father in Clark Veterans Cemetery. We've experienced several delays in recent months and are working hard to resolve the causes.
- 6) As of 31 Oct 2017, Grave Digger life membership stands at 1393. We've received new Grave Diggers memberships during the month, but have not processed them while waiting on Grave Digger pins to arrive and for the QM to process the donations. We received the pins yesterday and will process Grave Diggers in the near future.
- 7) Grave Digger Memberships will continue to be offered as a legacy commemorative program with donations used for indigent Veteran burials, upgrade of burial equipment, and to help defray the expenses of our annual Veterans Day Ceremony.
- 8) Information is available on the Post 2485 website http://www.vfwpost2485.com/cemetery_report.doc. (Note: the web site is currently undergoing reconstruction, please be patient.)

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Chairman