



South Hills Veterans Honor Guard



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**THE SOUTH HILLS HONOR GUARD IS PROUD TO PROVIDE THE LAST SERVICE FOR OUR COMRADES IN ARMS
AMERICAN LEGION POST 760 BETHEL PARK - VFW POST 6664 LIBRARY**

The South Hills Veterans Honor Guard provides final military honor to all honorably discharged veterans at the family's request during their time of grief. These men and women take great pride in assisting each branch of the service in honoring the deceased veteran, their family, and friends. In many cases the family is unaware of this service. The family need only to notify the funeral director that their loved one is a veteran and the funeral director will contact the Honor Guard. Once the Honor Guard gets notification of the date and time of the funeral, they coordinate to accommodate the family during their time of need. Each member of the Guard is a veteran that has served our country and has volunteered to provide this honor with respect that the deceased veteran so richly deserves.

The South Hills Honor Guard which is comprised of two groups, American Legion Post 760 in Bethel Park and VFW Post 6664 in Library. In 2000, Ted Pace of the American Legion and Cal Marquis of the VFW collaborated to form the group and it has been an ongoing labor of love since then. The first funeral service was performed on June 30, 2000 for Norman Kappler who was a former District 36 Commander of the American Legion as well as Post 760 Commander in Bethel Park. Since that time this unit has performed over 4649 services and continues to grow.

To provide a reference to today's statistics, we have provided 392 services as of December 31, 2015 which has already exceed our previous year's total was 352 funerals performed in 2014. The Honor Guard includes veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraq - a diverse group of proud veterans. For more information on the South Hills Honor Guard, please contact William Babcock via e-mail at < wl.babcock@verizon.net >

I am writing this letter to make an appeal from your organization to make a tax deductible donation to the South Hills Honor Guard for our new uniform fund. We presently have 20 members that provide military honors that pay our respect to our comrades and their families during their time of grief.

We provide a complete uniform to our members valued around \$800 to \$1,000 dollars per member at the time they join our organization. Many of the uniforms such as the trousers, suit jackets, coats have seen several years of service. In some cases these date back to the late 60's and 70's where we were able to obtain items from military surplus store that were previous Army uniforms of service men and women.

During our last semi-annual meeting we decided to start a fund to raise money to outfit our unit with newer uniforms to replace the existing well used garments.

Any assistance in our endeavor would be greatly appreciated and most certainly allow us to continue our mission to provide this honor and respect to our comrades and their families through your tax deductible contribution.

Thank You, President. Jerry Baker

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