

# Suggested Format for Funeral Detail



Commander  
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Chaplain  
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Sgt. at Arms  
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## Order of Service:

### (1) VFW

- Commander, Chaplain, and Sgt. at Arms enter and position themselves.
- Commander holds folded flag.
- Comrades enter one at a time; render respect with slow salute, and then exit.
- Chaplain renders respect with slow salute, and then exits.
- Commander places flag on/in casket, renders respect with slow salute, and then exits.

### (2) Clergy

- Clergy enters and conducts funeral service.

### (3) VFW

- Commander, Chaplain, and Sgt. at Arms enter and position themselves.
- Honor Guard positions themselves outside.
- Commander Reads p. 106 "We are here assembled to pay . . ."
- Chaplain offers Prayer on p. 107
- Commander gives command to Sgt. at Arms for Honor Guard to render honors.
- Sgt. at Arms moves to doorway and issues commands to Honor Guard.
- Following Honor Guard, Sgt. at Arms issues command to Bugler.
- Bugler plays Taps. (All Rise, Attention, Hand Salute, Order Arms)
- Following Taps, Commander reads on p. 107 and 108 "One by one . . ."
- Commander retrieves flag and presents flag to next of kin
- Following Salute by Commander, Commander and Chaplain depart.

### (4) Graveside Committal

- Clergy usually goes first and then VFW Tribute on p. 108 may be preformed.
- When Military is present at committal service to render honors, fold the Flag, and play Taps, these items and Flag presentation are eliminated at the Funeral Home Service.