

IN THE FUNERAL HOME

COMMANDER: "Death has entered our ranks, we members of, _____ will now pay final respects to _____ has been called to the final command."

CHAPLAIN: "LET US PRAY: "Almighty Father please accept into Thy divine care the soul of _____. We are strangers with Thee and sojourners as our fathers were. Grant us O Father that the sorrow we feel today may bring us closer to you. Help us to understand that death is not the end but only the beginning of the glories of a new life. Let us be reminded that our loved ones are enjoying Thy grace and love more than we are here on earth. Until for us also the daybreaks and the shadows flee away, grant us to live that our lives may honor the members who have gone before us. Thus together may come to that city which Thou has prepared for them that love Thee and keep Thy commandments. For Thine own name's sake we pray. AMEN."

COMMANDER: "This moment is sacred with the almost visible presence of the one who has gone before. Let us not enshroud his memory with mournful tears, but let us remember him with solemn pride for his services to God and Country. We know how futile mere words are to express our deep and abiding sympathy to those who are left behind. May they now feel he is at least at rest and never ending peace."

FOOTNOTES: SAL Honor Guard, if available, should line aisle before ceremony. Colors should be placed at head and foot of casket. At end of ceremony, Commander and Chaplain salute (Farewell my Friend) turn and leave. Members may file forward to pay last respects, salute and leave. After last member passes, taps is played and Honor Guard salutes, turns and leaves.