

# Brittany Pointe Estates Veterans Affairs Committee



BPE Pointer Article

## Veterans' Corner

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During the month of July 2018, the remains of 55 service men were returned to US soil at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Each of them gave their lives during the Korean War. North Korea returned these men in caskets to South Korea each draped in the United Nation flag. It seemed fitting since we fought there as part of a combined UN military force. Prior to boarding the US Air Force plane for their return to America, the UN Flags were each replaced with our national flag. Watching the caskets being off-loaded in Hawaii, being carried very carefully with an honor guard standing by representing all our Armed Services. This military tradition of "paying respect" was very meaningful to me. I hope everyone remembers how precisely each flag was folded around the caskets. That must have been a pain taking and heart wrenching job. Every time you see our flag on display, say a little pray for all the men and women who gave their lives for our country.

They have served their country well,  
Our veterans who have gave their all,  
The stories of their bravery we will tell,  
About the a battle they did fall.

We remember them by their letters of what the future could be,  
We remember them at their best,  
The grandchildren they will never see,  
But then came the flag draped coffin and taps to lay them to rest.

We must pay our respects to a flag that means so much,  
For our brothers and sisters swore to defend this land,  
Our memories and flag will help us keep in touch,  
The folded three-sided US Flag after all was placed in someone's hand.

