



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60)

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October 13, 2022

Mrs. Susan M. Gardner
7300 Parkway Dr. #110
La Mesa, CA 91942

Dear Mrs. Gardner,

The remains of your father, the late Master Chief Petty Officer Ira J. Carpenter, were committed to the sea as you requested.

Master Chief Petty Officer Carpenter's remains were brought to USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) on September 22, 2022 while in port Naval Base San Diego (NBSD) at the direction of Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet.

USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) departed NBSD at 2:00 p.m., September 23, 2022, to conduct strike group training in support of our nation's commitment to freedom of the seas. Your father spent many years in service to his country and it was a fitting choice that he be committed from the deck of a proud ship so employed.

The burial at sea ceremony took place on the ship's deck on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 10:05 a.m. Conforming to Naval tradition, the ship was slowed, colors displayed at half mast, and the participating officers and crew were paraded in Service Dress Blues. The morning was warm with a 66 degree temperature and light winds and seas. Under these favorable conditions, both the religious and military elements of the ceremony were conducted with dignity and solemnity. The ship's Executive Officer, Commander Christopher M. Danley, U.S. Navy was the military leader of the ceremony. Lieutenant Joseph F. Frana, Chaplain, U.S. Navy led the religious elements of the committal and was aided by Lieutenant Junior Grade Sydney Eskin, U.S. Navy, who prayed the Mourner's Kaddish in Hebrew. A seven member rifle squad with Chief Petty Officer Michael L. Stefanelli as petty officer in charge and a 15 member honor platoon were formed from the crew of PAUL HAMILTON.

Photographs of the ceremony were taken and are now presented to you. Enclosed is a cartridge from each of the three volleys of the rifle salute and a chart showing the location of the ship at the time of committal.

The officers and crew of PAUL HAMILTON are proud and honored to have had an opportunity to participate in Master Chief Petty Officer Carpenter's committal ceremony. Please accept my personal warm regards and sincerest sympathy in your time of great loss.

Sincerely,

J. D. FERRARI
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Rifle cartridge
2. Chart of ship's location