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Lt. Governor Guadagno Salutes Veterans at 21st Mission of Honor Committal Ceremony

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Veterans of Spanish-American War, Both World Wars, Korea, Peacetime Laid to Rest in Wrightstown

Trenton, NJ – Joining New Jersey's Mission of Honor (NJMOH) in its work to provide all veterans with a dignified resting place, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs today participated in the 21st NJMOH Committal Ceremony, which interred the cremated remains of 10 veterans at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

"These brave soldiers gave everything in the service and defense of our great nation, both in times of war and during peacetime. Today, we give them what we can – the honor of their names and the dignity of a full military burial," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Regardless of when they served, or where, we benefit from their patriotism and courage. Thanks to New Jersey's Mission of Honor, we will never forget these veterans."

NJMOH is a non-profit that works with hospitals, funeral homes, crematoriums, veterans' homes and other organizations to identify and inter the remains of veterans that have been unclaimed since cremation. Including the veterans interred at today's ceremony, NJMOH has reunited more than 250 veterans' remains with their families and interred 178 veterans' remains. These veterans include recipients of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and other commendations.

The men whose remains were interred today served in the US Army, US Navy and US Air Force during the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea and peacetime. Their remains went unclaimed for between 7 and 66 years and were identified with the cooperation of Volk Leber Funeral Home in Oradell, Gaita Memorial Funeral Home in Little Falls and Frech Funeral Home in Dumont.

The Lt. Governor recently applauded NJMOH in a recent op-ed available at:
http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20150524_Don_t_let_the_fallen_veterans_be_forgotten.html.

For a full list of veterans interred by NJMOH or to learn more about getting involved in its efforts, please visit the organization's website at: <http://www.njsmissionofhonor.org/>.

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