

**In Memory of our Departed
Comrades**



Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Various Versions

Army

O God above of love and power! Our comrades shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Navy

Eternal Father, Strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty Ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.

Air Force

Lord, guard and guide all those who fly, Through the great spaces in the sky,
Be with them always in the air, In dark'ning storms or sunlight fair.
O, Hear us when we lift our prayer, For those in peril in the air.

Marines

Eternal Father, grant, we pray, To all Marines both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill, Their land to serve thy law fulfill:
Be thou the shield forevermore, From every peril to the Corps.

Coast Guard

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts, Watch o'er the ones who guard our coasts.
Protect them from the raging seas, And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne above, The shield and shelter of thy love.

All Branches

Lord, guard and guide all those who fly, And those who on the ocean ply;
Be with our troops upon the land, And all who for their country stand:
Be with these guardians day and night, And may their trust be in thy might.

**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**



**100th Annual Memorial Service
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Ambassador Conference Center
Erie, PA**

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7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER State Chaplain, Rev. Peter R. Hook

PROCESSIONAL District Commanders and District Presidents
Auxiliary Musician, Carolyn R. Hook

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS State Color Guard
Mechanicsburg Minute Men, VFW Post 6704

INVOCATION State Chaplain, Rev. Peter R. Hook

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE State Sgt at Arms, Robert I. Hayes

NATIONAL ANTHEM Auxiliary Soloist, Kathe DeCarlo

POSTING OF COLORS State Color Guard
Mechanicsburg Minute Men, VFW Post 6704

VFW MEMORIAL RITUAL State Chaplain, Rev. Peter R. Hook

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Armed Forces Vigil Candle - Commander, Thomas M. Hanzes
POW/MIA Candle – President, Charlotte Lopes

PRAYER State Chaplain, Rev. Peter R. Hook

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

REFLECTIVE AND INSPIRING THOUGHTS

Nearer, My God, to Thee Soloist and Assembly
Accompanist, Carolyn R. Hook

OFFERING OF SYMBOLIC TRIBUTES

Cherished Names Auxiliary Soloist, Kathe DeCarlo

MEMORIAL ADDRESS National Surgeon, Ruth A. Fairchild

LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL FLAME

RECOGNITION OF DECEASED VFW & AUXILIARY MEMBERS

BAG PIPE DUO Jim Phelps and Tom Kelinosky

FIELD CROSS SERVICE Henry R. Mannella

TAPS Ivan Frantz

BENEDICTION Auxiliary Chaplain, Pam Sopher

America Soloists and Assembly

POSTLUDE Auxiliary Musician, Carolyn R. Hook

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,
E'en though at times in life, trials crush me!
Still all my song shall be: nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer, daylight all gone,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Words by Sarah F. Adams; based on Genesis 28:10-23 and Music by Lowell Mason

America

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet Land of liberty
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side Let Freedom ring!

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of Liberty
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With Freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King!

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