

Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
Auxiliary

Nearer My God
To Thee

Nearer my God to thee
Nearer to thee
E'en tho it be a cross
That raiseth me
Still all my song shall be
Nearer my God to thee
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Nearer to thee.



Wake Service
President

Flag Bearers 1 & 2 lead followed by President, Senior Vice, Conductor, Chaplain, Flag Bearers 3 & 4.

HEAD _____	FOOT _____
Flag Bearers 1 & 2	Flag Bearers 3 & 4
President	Senior Vice-President
Conductor	Chaplain

President: **The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.**

Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, we seek Thee with whom there is no death. Open every eye to behold Him who changed the night of death into morning. In the depths of our hearts, we would hear the divine words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet he live". We beseech Thee to look in mercy on this bereaved family and in Thine own tenderness, console and comfort them. Through, Thy great mercy, may we all meet at last in joy before Thy Throne in Heaven and to Thy name shall be praise forever and ever. Amen

President: **We gather here, my Brothers and Sisters, to perform the last rites the living may render the dead. That we are born to die is a solemn truth, the fixed law of being. Honor and station has no power to arrest the hand of the destroyer, and youth and age bow alike before him. How filled with gloom would be this hour were it not for the blessed promise of God of an eternal home with Him. Another one of our members has been taken from us. We shall miss their words of counsel, their watchful care over the interests of our honored heroes and their devotion to our Auxiliary.**

Their life has been full of sacrifices and they have gone to their reward. In honor and reverence, I now place upon their last resting place, this emblem of loyalty and patriotism as a last tribute to their memory.

(pin casket flag at kneeler or place on memorial table)

Sr. Vice President: For so much as it has pleased God to take out of this world the soul of our departed friend, it shows how beautifully true is the comparison of life to this flower which open in the morning, but in the evening, withers away. It is a symbol of purity and a token of love, I place it here (place white flower upon casket) in loving remembrance of this departed life.

Chaplain gives a short descriptive story-history of the service of deceased to the Auxiliary.

Chaplain: Our Heavenly Father, who art our refuge and strength in our times of trouble, enable us we pray, to put our trust in Thee. May we come boldly unto thy throne that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. Amen

The President, Senior Vice-President, Chaplain, Conductor and then members proceed reverently to the casket/cremains, placing a white flower, salute the American flag reverently and walk out of the chapel.

The Conductor salutes the American flag, quietly commands flag bearers to meet at the center of the casket/cremains. The conductor gives about face command, flag bearers 1 & 2 lead followed by the Conductor, then flag bearers 3 & 4 quietly process out of the chapel.