

Antique Veterans of Meriden

A sampling of recent thank you notes received by the Antique Veterans

- Thank you very much for the moving patriotic tribute you provided for my uncle Bill LeBeau. Upon arrival at the cemetery, my heart skipped a beat as I saw the bugle player, his uniform complete with white gloves, set a somber yet “American” tone to the gathering. From the artillery fire, to the salutes, to the playing of taps, your group was “top notch” from start to finish. My aunt so appreciated your sincerity – the depth of your caring was obvious. Thank you for making a difference! (Nov. 2016)
- Thank you for the service that you provided at our father’s funeral. He was always very proud of his service to our country. Thanks you for your service. (Oct. 2016)
- I wanted to thank the group of men that came out today to honor my grandfather Stanley Mucik. It is an honor that you continue to devote your free time to those that have served, and I thank you. You did a wonderful job; a special thank you to the young man on the horn today. Thank you so much for your service in the past and today. (July 2016)
- Dear Antique Veterans, Our family would like to thank you for performing your services at William Collett’s burial. It was quite impressive and he would have loved it. You honored him with the respect that all Veterans deserve. You did it right! Many thanks. (Dec 2014)
- Dear Veterans, we buried my Dad today in Meriden. You were there in force to help us send him off and to recall his service to our country. It was a beautiful and moving gesture and meant a lot to my whole family. Thank you all for taking the time to join us and to give us yet another memory of a wonderful man. (Dec 2014)
- I would like to extend our deep appreciation for your ceremony of military honor. My father would have felt so honored to have you say a final goodbye to a fellow veteran. Please know how much this family appreciates your service to our country – we are grateful. (Nov 2014)
- We are enclosing a donation to the Antique Veterans of Meriden in loving memory of Raoul DuHaime. He was very proud to be a part of your group. You all made him feel special. God bless all of you. (Nov 2014)
- Joe and I wish to thank the Antique Veterans who were involved in the beautiful graveside service at Ray’s funeral. It was meaningful and very touching to be the recipient of the folded American flag. Over the years I heard many stories of my Dad’s involvement at so many services he was proud to be part of. Again, thank you to all you good people for all that you meant to him. (Nov 2014)
- Thank you so much for giving the military honor for Kenneth at the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Meriden. I know Kenneth was watching from above with a great big smile. I felt a great peace in my heart the way the funeral went and all of his family that were there felt the same way I did. So thank you again ever so much. God bless you all; you will be in my prayers. (June 2014)
- On behalf of our family, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the ceremony performed at my father-in-law’s grave site this past Thursday. I was deeply moved and touched by the honor guard and gun salute. The presentation of the flag keeps reminding me of the great generation that served so valiantly and how you continue to serve to honor your brothers and sisters that have served. Please know how much our family appreciates your service to our country – we are grateful. The honor guard and ceremony made such a special tribute and for this we will forever be grateful. (June 2014)
- Thanks you all for attending my father’s wake and reading the beautiful poem. Your presence was such a wonderful touch. Also, thank you for the beautiful graveside ceremony at his funeral. It meant so

much to our family to have you there. You made a sad day so memorable. I'm proud to say that my father was a part of the Antique Veterans at one time. You are a very special group of men. Thank you for everything you have done and for all you continue to do. (June 2014)

- Thank you for honoring my father at his burial in St. John's Cemetery. It was a wonderful ceremony and I know my Dad would have been proud. (June 2014)
- To the men who attended Lewis Tuttle's funeral on 4/9/14 at Pine Grove Cemetery in Middletown: We wanted to thank you for coming to our father's funeral. You added a touch of class that would have made him very proud! My father was proud of himself for 2 things – having "good" kids and his military service. It was an honor to have you there. (May 2014)
- Thank you so much for your very touching services for my dad, Nicholas Marchetti, at St. Sebastian's Cemetery on April 24. He was raised in Meriden, was captured at the Battle of the Bulge and spent time as a prisoner of war. May the enclosed donation help a little in carrying on your very important work. (May 2014)
- Thank you for a job well done at St. John's for my father. He would have been so proud. Thank you and God Bless America. (May 2014)
- Thank you for providing veterans for Dad's graveside service, Feb. 28th, 2014. As a family, we were so happy with the beautiful job you did and we appreciate your willingness to attend. Dad proudly served in the Army and we know he would have been so pleased with the meaningful way you honored him. Enclosed is a token of our appreciation. (May 2014)
- My grandfather's funeral was very special thanks to you. We very much appreciate your members coming out on a cold day to honor my grandfather, a WWII bomber pilot, and giving him a proper burial of which he would have been very proud. Thank you for giving him a hero's goodbye. (Feb. 2014)
- I want to thank you for a very beautiful Military Honors Service at the Veterans Cemetery for Lou. He would have been very proud. (2014)
- Many thanks for adding dignity and patriotism to the burial of my husband on Feb. 17, 2013. The color guard, the rifles, the trumpeters, and the flag presentation were all carried out with precision, even on a raw day. In fact, the whole ceremony impressed all of us. We are grateful to you.
- We were so impressed by your members at Dr. Ross' funeral – God bless.
- Thank you!! Thanks for all you do for our vets!!
- These funds were collected at a recent luncheon in honor of the many beneficial works that the Antique Veterans of Meriden do to honor our service men and women. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. Keep up the good work!
- We wish to thank you for your dedication to all veterans. May God Bless You all for doing such a great service.
- Frank was involved with the veterans going back to the SNET Veterans days, and was so proud of his involvement and service. He would have been very honored to see the presentation given him by all of you and for that we are eternally grateful. God bless!
- You did a wonderful and meaningful job at his funeral.
- Thank you for being there for him. I will never forget it. Thanks again to you all. Take care of yourselves & it is a wonderful organization.

- We thank you for your presentation of military honors at the funeral of John Belejack on 17 October 2012.
- On behalf of my brother Tim, my sister Sue and myself, I wanted to extend our deep appreciation for your participation in my father Russell Emerson's interment at the State Veterans Cemetery on April 28. We all found the ceremony of military honors very moving and meaningful – my father would have felt so honored to have you there, volunteering your time to say a final goodbye to a fellow veteran. So many thanks to each and every one of you for your service, for your dedication to your fellow vets, for your dignity and your kindness. It was a beautiful ceremony and we so appreciate you all.
(Received May 1, 2012)
- Dear Antique Veterans,
Thank you so much for the Military Honors you performed at my dad's funeral. It was a fitting end to a tremendous life of service and patriotism. Please accept the contribution enclosed so you can provide services to other veterans who pass on in the future. It meant a lot to us.
(Received May 3, 2012)
- Thank you so much for the beautiful ceremony that you performed at Thurman's funeral. He would have appreciated it. The dignity and respect you pay to our veterans is wonderful,.
- Gentlemen, thanks so much for the flag and exquisite ceremony honoring my late dad, U.S.N. LST, WW II.
- My family and I extend to all of you our deepest thanks for the beautiful ceremony at the State Veterans Cemetery for my husband. He was a very proud Veteran of WW II and I know how much it meant to him knowing you would be there. In his name, please accept this donation in his memory. God bless each and every one of you.
- This donation is in appreciation for the ceremony you did for my husband. Thanks to all of you.
- I was deeply touched by the military honors at my brother's funeral. Thank you again for making the burial so special.
- On behalf of his family and friends, I want to thank you for a beautiful and moving service.
- I want to thank you very much for the beautiful Military Service that you performed for my father at St. John's Cemetery in Wallingford. It was truly an honor and quite impressive and touching and my family and I so much appreciated it.
- I want to convey my deepest appreciation to the Antique Veterans for their contribution to the funeral of my husband. He would have been proud to have your presence there.
- There are no words to express how much we appreciate all you have done for us. We had so many compliments on the service. Our children had never seen the Antique Veterans in action, but had heard about them many times. They were very impressed and now understand why my husband was so involved. You are a wonderful group.
- We would like to thank you for taking part in the service. Thank you for your service to our Country.
- Thank you so much for the beautiful military service. It was very moving.
- Thank you from the family for the moving send-off.
- Thank you for the beautiful military service that you provided for our son.

- Thank you for making Jim's last stand on earth a victory.
- We thank you for the beautiful ceremony at his burial. He was a proud member.
- My sisters and I were at the wake and were very impressed with all of you. Unfortunately, patriots like you are few and far between. Bless you for your continuing efforts. Thank you.
- Thank you so much for the beautiful and touching send-off you gave to my husband.
- I want to tell you how impressed we all were by your sincere and humble response. Thank you all.
- Thank you for providing a fitting tribute to our dad. It meant a lot to our family that he be recognized as a veteran. You provide a great service. Thank you again.
- My brother and I want to thank you for providing an honor guard and flag at our father's memorial service. I am sure he would have been pleased with the dignified way in which you honored his service.
- My family and I would like to thank you for your attendance and honoring my husband. I know how much he would have appreciated your being there. Please accept my enclosed donation so that you can continue to recognize our veterans.
- Please accept this donation. Your presence and dignified ceremony was very uplifting to all.
- Dear Antique Vets Honor Guard. Thank you so much for participation in the committal rites. It was done with such dignity. You are all to be commended. Thank you.
- I would like to thank you for attending and for your service at my husband's funeral. It was my husband's wish and my family and I really appreciated it.