



Honoring America's Veterans Military Funeral Honors

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Federal FEIN 81-0550869 501[c] 3 filed by the CPA firm P. Horner, Alaska. Gene Horner is our player and State director there. Our State number is 6217-567-2 To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to introduce myself as a member of Bugles Across America. The mission of our non-profit organization is to provide a live bugler for the sounding of Taps at the closure ceremony for every veteran, and on other appropriate occasions including funerals for law enforcement officers and first responders and memorial services of all types.

By Public Law, every veteran shall be provided military honors at their funeral, upon request. The absolute minimum that is to be provided for these honors is a two-man flag detail and the sounding of Taps. Due to a critical nationwide shortage of available buglers, this tribute has far too often been relegated to a recorded version.

In order to restore the dignity and to demonstrate the rightful honor due our veterans, Bugles Across America was founded in 2001 by a USMC veteran, Tom Day. As of this time the organization has over 7500 registered buglers nationwide. We are listed in the Funeral Director's 'Red Book' and book-marked by the military units responsible for filling Honors Detail requests.

If you have occasion to need a qualified bugler, please feel free to contact me directly at (917) 697-9449 (cell Roger) or (917) 580-2156 (cell Mitzi) or by email at <u>roger.c.ellis@gmail.com</u>. If I am unable to fulfill your request from our home base in Scottsdale AZ I will make arrangements with another qualified bugler from our organization.

Please know that neither method of requesting a live bugler will add any cost to the family or others paying funeral expenses. We are strictly a volunteer organization and never charge for our services.

I am accompanied by my wife Mitzi, who respectfully presents the service flag of the branch in which the deceased veteran served.

Joger C. Ellis

Roger C. Ellis Bugler

"Sound The Honor, Honor The Sound"