

## **COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTE FOR A DEPARTED TROOPER THE PRAYER**

Friends, as members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, we have come to pay our respects to a departed trooper, to whom we are bound by ties of patriotism, loyalty and sacrifice. We honor him/her today for his/her service to our great nation and his/her commitment to the ideals of the Airborne Trooper. As a champion of liberty, he/she demonstrated the kind of courage, which will always be an example to the people of our land. We are certain that his/her deeds will receive their award in the world to come, and we pray that he/she may now rest in peace, confident that the ideals for which he/she sacrificed will live on forever. As a last token of our affection and regard to him/her, we can pay him/her no greater tribute than to seal upon his/her casket the emblem of America's Guard of Honor, the 82nd Airborne Division.

(Here the Chairman of the Chapter, or his designated representative, will seal upon the side of the casket the shoulder patch of the All-American Division or the Association Emblem. The Chaplain, or the one appointed to serve in that capacity will say the following prayer.)

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, who on this earth fills our human canopy with the breath of life and carries us into Your presence on the wings of Your Spirit, surround the soul of our departed comrade with Your heavenly presence. O God, in whose hands are the living and the dead we give You thanks for the good example of this Your servant, who was willing to dedicate his/her life to the service of our country. Grant to him/her Your merciful protection that the good work which You have begun in him/her may be perfected in the world to come. Bless and comfort all who grieve this day, and may we ever remain loyally steadfast to the highest ideals

for which many have died and by which we all should live. This we ask in the name of our Lord.

Amen