

Civil War Veteran Joseph Porter

Gravestone Dedication Ceremony at Graceland Cemetery - Avoca, IA

Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

- I. Bugler from *Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, Kinsman Camp #23* Sounds Assembly
- II. “Soldier’s Last Letter” sung by David Green accompanied by Fred & Dorothy Techau.
- III. Remarks by Master of Ceremonies Bill Dea.
 - A. Welcoming Comments and Introductions of Special People Present
 1. Pottawattamie County Veteran Affairs Administrator??
 2. Avoca Major Aaron Long (Introduces Council members)
 3. Family Member?? (Introduces other family members)
 - B. Reading of Civil War Veteran Joseph Porter History by WHO??
- IV. Dedication Service Begins - *Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War - Kinsman Camp #23*
 - A. Captain Michael Carr of Co. B, 10th Iowa Infantry Sons Veteran Reserve Takes Charge
 - B. Camp Chaplain Dennis Sasse Offers Prayer
 - C. First Sergeant & Officer of the Day Dan Rittel OR Dave Burkett Directs the Monument Unveiling, Guarding, and Placement of Symbols by “Sons”
 1. **The Guard** (John Butcher and ??)
 2. **Wreath of Evergreen** symbolizing undying love for comrades
 3. **Single Rose** symbolizing purity (Placed by Family Member??)
 4. **Wreath of Grapevine (Laurel)** symbolizing honor, victory and eternal life
 5. Iowa Department Commander WHO?? places a **Flag on the Grave** as a symbol of victory
 6. Camp Chaplain Dennis Sasse does a Reading
 7. “The Unknown Dead” read by ??
 8. “The Legend of the Rebel Soldier” sung by David Green accompanied by Fred & Dorothy Techau.
- V. Service Ends with Firing Squad from Avoca’s American Legion Post 227 and Bugler from *Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, Kinsman Camp #23*.
 - A. Department Chaplain Dennis Sasse Offers Closing Prayer
- VI. Iowa Department Commander WHO?? Ends the Dedication Ceremony with remarks of appreciation and thanks. WHO?? Short Speech about what the “Sons” do.
- VII. Re-Dedication of the Graceland Prayer Chapel - Bill Dea in charge

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Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for the ceremony.
Enter Cemetery at north gate. Exit at south gate.

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Ceremony by - SUVCW - Kinsman Camp #23

Followed by Re-Dedication of the

Prayer Chapel on Site at Graceland

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