



American Legion Post 84
410 E. Orleans Street
Otsego, Mich. 49078
"The Francis E. Sanders Post"
"Standing Tall Together"

To: The Woodworkers Guild of S.W. Michigan
Attention: Bill Crown (President)

August, 2018

On behalf of all the 132 members & officers of American Legion Post 84 of Otsego, Michigan, (The Francis E. Sanders Post), we say thank you for the 15 wonderful handmade flag cases. We know these cases were made by people that have a sense of gratitude for our veterans. As time goes by, these cases will be presented by Post 84 to the families of veterans that defended our way of life, and our freedoms that we now enjoy daily.

You might have heard the saying about the DASH that appears on a gravestone between the date of birth, and the date of death. That tiny little dash represents your entire lifetime. So many people don't think about the flag case at all, but months later when the snow covers up the gravestone, or the rains prevent a visitation to the cemetery, the flag case is always at home proudly displaying the veterans achievements during the time of his service for all the family to see. So in some ways, the flag case can be even more important, it can also be passed down to the grandchildren.

Those of us in the American Legion that have done many, many, military funerals know, that the flag case is presented to the family as the last official act by the post, sometimes long after the funeral service has occurred. It's not always an easy position to present this to the family, especially when you have known the veteran, but it is a most important part of the ceremony, showing Honor, Duty, Loyalty, and Respect not only to the veteran, but his entire family. *You see, when the crack of the 7 rifles dissipates, and the smell of gunpowder slowly fades away, and the echo of taps fades into history, it's only the flag case that still remains.* We thank you all for your patriotism towards our veteran's last rights.

PS: (Legion Post 84 never has, nor ever will, make for sale, a flag case for veterans).

Sincerely

David J. Delemme
Allegan County Commander

Charlie Oxender
Post 84 Commander

The American Legion



Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate of appreciation is gratefully presented to

**Woodworkers Guild of
South West Michigan**

**Thanks for Supporting our Veterans by Making
Your Handmade Flag Cases**

We Salute You

On Behalf of American Legion Post 84 of Otsego, Mich.

The Francis E. Sanders Post

Department of the Michigan American Legion

"Still Serving America"

—Charlie Oxender—

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