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Photo caption (Photo credit, Christina VandePol): 2019 Unattended Veterans Service at Washington Crossing National Cemetery organized by the Chester County Coroner’s Office

The community is invited to join the Chester County Coroner’s Office at the Unattended Veterans Service at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. The ceremony will be held at 830 Highland Road, Newtown PA, 18940 on Thursday, October 28th at 2:00pm. The Coroner’s Office will be interring nine unclaimed veterans who were residents of Chester County with full military honors.

The veterans include:

- Marcellus Brown, U.S. Navy (Petty Officer First Class), *(Post-World War II Era)*, from Tredyffrin Township
- William P. Deignan, U.S. Navy (Seaman), *(Post-Vietnam Era)*, from Valley Township
- Jeffrey A. Fenstermacher, U.S. Army (Private), *(Post-Vietnam Era)*, from Parkesburg Boro
- Oliver C. Ford, U.S. Marine Corp. (Unknown Rank), *(Vietnam Era)*, from Coatesville City
- Gregory D. Jones, U.S. Navy (Seaman Recruit), *(Persian Gulf War Era)*, from Coatesville City
- Joseph H. Jones, U.S. Army (Private First Class), *(Korean War Era)*, from West Chester Boro
- John W. Marsh, U.S. Air Force (Airman), *(Vietnam Era)*, from Honey Brook Township
- Joan M. Marsh, Veteran Spouse, Wife of John W. Marsh (above), from Honey Brook Township
- Hollis Ross, U.S. Naval Reserve (Seaman Apprentice), *(Vietnam Era)*, from Caln Township

During the ceremony, the veterans’ names will be read and the Pennsylvania Military Honors team will present the flag on the behalf of the veterans. A rifle salute and live Taps will be provided. After the ceremony, the veterans will each be placed in their own niche in the columbarium which will be engraved with “Proudly Served.”

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