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Stephen Weber, Chaplain

Eulogy for Jan Michael Tchoryk, April 12, 2023

Family and friends of Jan Michael Tchoryk: We the Service Officers of Niles Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3579 have come to pay our final tribute of respect to your departed loved one and our friend and comrade Jan Michael Tchoryk.

Comrade Jan M. Tchoryk entered into the service of our country on March 2, 1989 to defend, and yes, if need be to die for his country and flag. Comrade Jan M. Tchoryk served in the United States Navy on foreign lands in the Gulf War in the Middle East with the rank of Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic (AMH). Jan M. Tchoryk attended the AMH class A School S-3A on Structure and Hydraulic Systems and his last duty assignment was Air Anti Submarine Systems.

Jan M. Tchoryk earned the following medals: the American Theater Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and finally the Cold War Citation. Comrade Jan M. Tchoryk was honorably discharged from the United States Naval service on March 1, 1993. Jan M. Tchoryk was a Life Member of Niles VFW Post 3579 and a Lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department. Jan M. Tchoryk served his country with honor and distinction.

He has completed his final mission to his country and flag, and by the grace of God, he has departed from our ranks... Your loved one is now in God's care and may you feel that he is at rest... I am quite sure there have been many times in his life, when in his prayers he said “Thanks God” for the health, strength and courage, you have given me, so that I was able to defend the flag of my beloved country, and for my family and friends.

!!!Yes!!! That is what this flag that is placed near him represents, a true comrade and a true American, may you always love and cherish his flag, which you will receive from our grateful United States Government. Now our faithful service officers will present our “Buddy Poppy” and will read and present our “VFW Certificate of Remembrance”. Then our chaplain will lead us in prayer. A final salute will be rendered as Taps is played.