



Frank E. Nicoles

January 16, 1917 - December 7, 1941

Military Funeral at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery to

Honor USS Oklahoma Sailor Identified 80 Years after

Pearl Harbor Attack

NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE FORT WORTH, Texas –

Full military honors will finally be rendered January 24 at Fort Sam Houston

National Cemetery in San Antonio for Navy Fireman Frank E. Nicoles, 24, of

Eau Claire, Wisconsin, over 80 years after his death.

Nicoles was killed aboard the USS Oklahoma (BB-37) during the surprise attack

on Pearl Harbor officially beginning United States' involvement in WWII. On

Dec. 7, 1941, the ship was moored outboard at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, HI

when attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained up to eight

torpedo hits and capsized in less than 12 minutes. Many of her crew, however,

remained in the fight, climbing aboard USS Maryland (BB-46), moored inboard,

to help serve her anti-aircraft batteries. In the end, 429 officers and enlisted

Sailors of 1,398 total crewmen were killed or missing from the attack, including

Nicoles .

Nicoles' unidentified remains had been buried as an Unknown at the National

Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu since the 1940s. They were positively identified on May 5, 2016

by dental, anthropological, and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis utilizing samples from relatives as part of

the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's USS Oklahoma Project.

Frank, nicknamed "Junie" for Junior, had three other siblings who served in the military during WWII. His

younger brother John Cameron Nicoles also served aboard Oklahoma in the Damage Control department and

survived the Pearl Harbor attack. Frank's other brother Billy served in the Army as a paratrooper and his sister

Jean was in the Marine Corps Women's Reserves.

The graveside military ceremony including ceremonial bugler, chaplain, flag team, rifle team and pallbearers

from Navy Reserve Center San Antonio; will be held at 2:30 pm at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520

Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX 78209. Family members may be available to the media upon request.

Media organizations interested in covering this event are encouraged to contact Public Affairs Officer CDR Kris

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Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

JAN 24. 2:30 PM (CT)

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