



OUR MISSION

The South Central Virginia Nurses Honor Guard exists to honor and recognize nurses for their dedication, service, and professional legacy.

We will preserve the dignity and history of the nursing profession through structured ceremonial tributes.

OUR VISION

To ensure that every nurse receives the Nightingale Tribute recognition that they deserve and that no ceremonial request is denied.



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DONATIONS

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ELEMENTS OF THE TRIBUTE

THE NIGHTINGALE LAMP

The lamp represents:

The **light** the nurse brought into the lives of others.
The **guidance** they offered.

The **legacy** of Florence Nightingale.

It is lit during the ceremony to honor the nurse's enduring impact.

THE HOLY BIBLE

The Bible is placed with reverence to signify:

- The nurse's **faith**.
- Their **calling** to serve.
- The **spiritual foundation** that guided their work.

It is often opened to a passage chosen by the family.

THE WHITE ROSE

The white rose symbolizes:

- **Purity** of purpose.
- **Devotion** to the profession.
- The **selfless care** the nurse provided.

THE TRIANGLE

The three point formation symbolizes:

- **Honor** for the nurse's service.
- **Compassion** for the family.
- **Unity among nurses** who stand together in tribute.

It represents the three core pillars of nursing: Service, Caring, and Integrity.

THE FINAL ROLL CALL

A solemn reading of the nurse's name, repeated three times:

- First, to **acknowledge** their service.
- Second, to **honor** their memory.
- Third, to **release** them from their earthly duties.

This is one of the most emotional moments of the tribute.

THE STANDING VIGIL

Honor Guard members stand silently in formation, representing:

- **Respect**
- **Presence**
- The **unwavering support** nurses give one another.

It symbolizes that no nurse makes their final journey alone.

THE CEREMONIAL RELEASE

The closing act of the tribute, signifying:

- The nurse's **transition from earthly service**.
- The **completion of their calling**.
- The **passing of their legacy** to those who continue the work.

This includes extinguishing the lamp prior to presentation to the family.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISPLAYED

- Picture of nurse in his/her nursing uniform.
- Nursing cap and/or pins.
- Stethoscope

OUR SERVICES

All services are provided by nurses in traditional nurse uniform at no cost to family.

END OF LIFE TRIBUTE

Dignified and respectful ceremony honoring the fallen nurse.

FAMILY VISITATION

We will stand guard casket side for the duration of the memorial.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Touching specialized Nightingale Tribute ceremony.

RETIREMENT

Living tribute to honor the career and legacy of a retiring nurse.

NURSING SCHOOL PINNING

Living tribute to honor newly pinned nurses.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Living tribute to honor a milestone birthday (60, 70, 80, 90, 100 etc.)