



SSGT Van Fossen served in the Arkansas Army National Guard 1947-1949 and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Staff Sergeant Robert Dale Van Fossen is coming home. For more than 60 years, he and 51 others have been resting on an Alaskan glacier. But in 2012, their plane's wreckage was re-discovered and recovery efforts began. In March 2016, Van Fossen's family was notified that a positive identification had been made and that his remains would be returned to Arkansas.

On Nov. 22, 1952, a Douglas C-124A-DL Globemaster II, nicknamed "Old Shaky," took off from McChord Air Base in Tacoma, Washington, headed for Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska, with a crew of 11. Staff Sergeant Van Fossen of the U.S. Air Force, graduate of the Greenbrier Class of 1949, was one of 41 passengers who were from all four military branches.

May 25, 2017-Patriot Guard will provide escort from Little Rock Airport to Heber Springs AR,

May 27, 2017 Service 1030 at Olmsteads Funeral Home Heber Springs AR,

Grave side memorial following the service at Heber Spring Memorial Garden.

Lunch to be provided by post 64 Heber Springs for all, after grave memorial service.

We expect to have the Patriot Guard, Legion Riders and any family as well as any Air Force Honor guard personnel, and any and all Legion Members.

More details will be released as they become available.