Knit Your Bit: 2016 10th Anniversary

Missing Man
Knit Pattern by: Kathy and Jeff Valentine

Skill level: Easy
Size: 7 x 60
Yarn type: Aran or Worsted weight
  Main Color (A): Dark Blue
  Contrast Color (B): White, Silver, or Sky Blue
Gauge: 16 sts = 4 inches
  32 rows = 4 inches
  *Gauge is not critical to this project*
Needles: US 10 (6mm) circular for cast on and bind off
  US 9 (5.5mm) circular for body of scarf

The Missing Man Formation:

This formation began when British fighter pilots flew over the funeral of “The Red Baron” Manheim von Richthofen as a sign of respect in World War I. During World War II, it evolved into an RAF ceremonial tradition. The United States Airforce Thunderbirds were the first military aerobatics unit to ever perform the maneuver to honor the men and women who were then POWs in Vietnam. Today, Aerial demonstration squadrons perform it during ceremonial events such as National POW-MIA Recognition Day, Memorial Day, during funerals, and at interment of repatriated remains of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.
Directions:

With US 10 circular needle, Cast-on 200 stitches with color A.
Change to US 9 circular needle
Rows: 1-10: Knit color A
Rows: 11-16: Knit color B
Rows: 17-20: Knit color A
Rows: 21-26: Knit color B
Rows: 27-40: Knit color A
Rows: 41-46: Knit color B
Rows: 47-56: Knit color A
Bind-off in color A using larger needles.
Add fringe if desired.