

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

A Nation's Final Tribute to Those Who Served

By law, every eligible veteran is entitled to military funeral honors — a dignified ceremony of respect and gratitude for their service. Our funeral directors handle the entire request on your family's behalf, at no cost to you.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ★ **Proof of honorable service** — the veteran's DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), or another discharge document showing service other than dishonorable.
- ★ **Advance notice** — please request honors at least 48–72 hours before the scheduled service so the military detail can be scheduled.
- ★ **No DD-214 on hand?** We can help the next of kin request one, or work with the VA and the veteran's branch to confirm eligibility another way.

HOW IT'S ARRANGED

- 1 **Call us.** Tell your funeral director the veteran served, and share any discharge paperwork you have.
- 2 **We verify eligibility.** We contact the branch-specific Military Funeral Honors coordinator, who confirms service and discharge status.
- 3 **Honors are scheduled.** A uniformed honor detail is assigned to the service — no distance is too far for the detail to travel.
- 4 **Planning it yourself?** Families may also contact the Military Funeral Honors Directory or their local VA national cemetery directly.

Military funeral honors are provided **at no cost** to the veteran's family, as required by federal law (10 U.S.C. § 1491).

"It is a rite of passage, an honor presented by one who shares that same honor, to one who defended the liberties of others."

WHAT THE CEREMONY INCLUDES



Folding and presentation of the American flag



Playing of Taps



A uniformed honor detail of at least two service members



Available for veterans of every branch and era

Questions About Honoring a Veteran?

Our Veterans & First Responders team is here to help — whether you're planning ahead or arranging a service now. Call us any time, day or night.

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