

Military Funeral Honors

Below is what the Military will provide...when resources are available, for Veterans & Military Retirees.

Many local Veteran Organizations throughout the US provide Funeral Honors to area veterans. Many families are grateful to have at least one member of the detail to be in the Military Uniform of the branch of service the deceased served in. In most cases the State Headquarters of the National Guard or Military Dept is a good point of contact, and will work with DOD as needed to obtain a member from Veteran's military branch of service. Support is also often provided by units from nearby military bases, Armories and Reserve Centers. A google search for nearby military base name, AND Casualty Assistance should provide some contacts.

Lookup Installations & Directories of Services

This website allows you to find complete contact information on military installations worldwide. **Military INSTALLATIONS** provides details on installation programs and services; mapping data and driving directions; links to local community points of interest; and the ability to search the web for additional information on the installation itself or the surrounding area

<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/ismart/MHF-MI/>

Basic Military Funeral Honors (MFH)

The basic Military Funeral Honors (MFH) ceremony consists of the folding and presentation of the United States flag to the veterans' family and the playing of Taps. The ceremony is performed by a funeral honors detail consisting of at least two members of the Armed Forces.

The Funeral Honors rendered to you or your veteran will be determined by the status of the veteran. The type of Funeral Honors may be [Full Military Honors](#), [7 Person Detail](#) or a [Standard Honors Team Detail](#).

At least one of the funeral honors detail will be from the Armed Force in which the deceased veteran served. Taps may be played by a bugler or, if a bugler is not available, by using a quality recorded version. Military Funeral Honor Teams may act as Pall Bearers if requested by the veteran/family.

To obtain funeral honors as a veteran or a family member of a veteran, you must have a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Department of Defense Form 214 (discharge paperwork). This documentation should be given to the funeral home you have selected. The funeral home will contact the Casualty Area Command (CAC) that handles your respective state. The CAC will then locate a Funeral Honors Team in your area to cover your veteran's funeral.

All requests for Funeral Honors are on a first come, first serve basis.

The only two exceptions are:

Medal of Honor Recipients

Soldiers Killed in Action

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Full Military Honors Detail

Reserved for:

Service Member Killed in Action (KIA)

Medal of Honor Recipient

General Officers (O7 and Above)

Enlisted Pay Grade E9: Sergeant Major (Army), Master Chief Petty Officer (Navy), Master Gunnery Sergeant/Sergeant Major (Marines), Chief Master Sergeant (Air Force)

Consists of:

Team of 16-21 Soldiers

3 Volleys of Rifle Fire

Playing of Taps

Fold and Present American Flag

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Seven Person Detail

Reserved for:

Retired Service Members (served 20 years of Active Duty in the Armed Forces)

Active Duty, National Guard/Reserve Solder Not KIA

Full Military Honor Detail may be received if Retiree or Soldier's unit is willing to perform Full Military Honors

Consists of:

Military Funeral Honors

Team of 7 Soldiers

3 Volleys of Rifle Fire

Playing of Taps

Fold and Present American Flag

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Standard Honors Team Detail

Reserved for:

**Veterans with an Honorable Discharge on their Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty,
Department of Defense Form 214**

Consists of:

Team of 2-3 Soldiers

Playing of Taps

Fold and Present American Flag