



Veterans Network Directory - Montgomery County, MD

Funerals - Military Honors

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This is a project of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs.

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Please note: If you are working with a funeral home, they may assist you in completing the necessary burial flag paperwork to submit to the VA. See also [Survivor and Dependent Benefits](#)

Military Funeral Honors – Maryland National Guard (MDNG) Honor Guard

Email: honorguard.secretary@maryland.gov
<https://military.maryland.gov/mdng/Documents/hgbrochure.pdf>

410-576-6133 (Army/Air Force)
703-432-9524 / 1-866-826-3628 (Marine Corps)
301-677-0476 / 202-433-4589 (Navy)
757-686-4116 / 202-372-4013 (Coast Guard)

MDNG Honor Guard offers Military Funeral Honors to veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and were separated with a discharge other than Dishonorable. The MDNGHG operates out of 4 locations throughout the state providing professional and dignified services to departed Maryland veterans. Honors are not performed automatically; they must be requested. Families of eligible veterans must request Funeral Honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the MDNG Honor Guard to arrange for the Military Funeral Honors detail.

Military Funeral Honors – U.S. Department of Defense

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Military Community and Family Policy)
1500 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20380-4000
www.cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp

1-800-342-9647 (Toll Free)
Assistance provided by Military OneSource

Overseen by the Department of Defense (DOD), the Military Funeral Honors Program establishes procedures for requesting and rendering military funeral honors. By law, an honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran shall consist of at least two members of the armed forces. One member of the detail shall be a representative of the veteran's service branch.

The honor detail will, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the playing of Taps and the folding and presentation of the American flag to the next of kin. Taps will be played by a bugler, if available, or by a ceremonial bugle.

The DOD program calls for funeral home directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veteran's family. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration cemetery staff can also assist with arranging military funeral honors at VA national cemeteries. VA suggests that you contact DOD a minimum of 48 to 72 hours prior to a scheduled service to make arrangements for military funeral honors.

Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) and Authorized Provider Partnership Programs may also assist in providing military funeral honors, such as detail elements for funeral honors to include rifle detail, pallbearers or escort services.

The DOD began the implementation plan for providing military funeral honors for eligible Veterans on January 1, 2000. Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible Veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony.

Questions or comments concerning the DOD military funeral honors program may be sent to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.