

## To whom can I write to leave comments or express concerns about the branch of service Military Funeral Honors Program?

You may write to the military service that provided military funeral honors. The six service addresses are listed below.

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Military Community and Family Policy)  
1500 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1500

### Army

U.S. Army Human Resources Command  
The Adjutant General of the U.S. Army  
Casualty and Mortuary Affairs  
Operations Center  
AHRC-PDC-P  
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.  
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5405

### Marine Corps

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps  
Attn: MFPC (Funeral Honors)  
2008 Elliot Road  
Quantico, VA 22134

### Navy

Commander, Navy Installations Command  
Funeral Honors Program Manager (NOOK)  
Casualty Assistance & Funeral Honors Specialist  
716 Sicard St. SE, Suite 101  
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5140

### Department of the Air Force

Air Force Military Funeral Honors  
116 Purple Heart Drive  
Dover Air Force Base,  
DE 19902

### Coast Guard

Commander CG Personnel Service Center PSC  
Attn: Casualty Chief,  
PSC-PSD-FS-Casualty  
US Coast Guard Stop 7200  
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20593-7200

**Note:** Funeral directors may call the Defense Department Military Funeral Honors Program 24/7 at Military OneSource: 800-342-9647, TTY/TDD: Dial 711 and 800-342-9647, En español llame al: 800-342-9647.

You can find information about funeral honors, answers to frequently asked questions, and the Military Funeral Honors Directory, by service, at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/millife-guides/military-funeral-honors/>.

The website contains up-to-date information and direct links to other related websites.

Contact Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 for assistance with issues or concerns.



# MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

## Frequently Asked Questions



For more information, visit

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/millife-guides/military-funeral-honors/>



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## What is the Military Funeral Honors Program?

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.

A veterans service organization may augment the Defense Department funeral honors detail by providing additional elements, such as a rifle detail or pallbearers.

## How does the family request military funeral honors?

Families of eligible veterans may request military funeral honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the appropriate military service to arrange for the funeral honors detail. Families who are in possession of their veteran loved ones' cremated remains and desire to have a burial ceremony may contact the service casualty office of the veteran. Those contacts are listed on the Military Funeral Honors Directory at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/tools/military-funeral-honors-directory/>. The service will request that the family provide a copy of the service member's DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty," or other supporting discharge information in order to verify eligibility.

## How can the family obtain a copy of military records and DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty," to establish eligibility?

Submit a request following the guidance on the Veterans Service Records website at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

There are specific emergency requests and deadline procedures for those who need a replacement DD Form 214 in order to schedule funeral honors.

Note: The National Archives accepts family requests from only the next of kin. Next of kin, for this purpose, is identified as a surviving spouse who has not remarried, a father, mother, son, daughter, sister or brother. However, when a death occurs without notice, contact the veteran's service casualty office for assistance in expediting a request for military records. The service casualty office is responsible for determining eligibility for the Military Funeral Honors Program.

## Is there a cost for military funeral honors?

The DOD provides military funeral honors for free to the family.

## How many funeral honors ceremonies can a veteran receive?

A veteran is entitled to one funeral honors ceremony to be provided at the time of the funeral.

## May a family request a military funeral honors detail that has representation from both the DOD and the local VSO?

Yes, the DOD recognizes the valuable role that members of VSOs play in honoring our veterans. Section 1491(b) of Title 10, U.S. Code, authorizes members of VSOs, as well as other approved organizations, to participate with the military services in providing funeral honors. VSOs and the Authorized Provider Partnership Program are able to augment the legislated two-person uniformed member detail by providing additional detail elements for funeral honors.

## Who is eligible for a burial flag?

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs verifies eligibility for veterans in accordance with Section 2301 of Title 38, U.S. Code. Your funeral director will assist you in obtaining a flag. More information is available at <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/burial-flags/>.

In the case of in-service deaths (active duty), the DOD provides a U.S. flag to drape the casket or to be presented at a funeral service. After the service, the flag is given to the eligible recipient, pursuant to section 1482 (e) of Title 10 U.S.C.