

The Defense Department recognizes the important role funeral planners play in ensuring that our veterans receive military funeral honors. This brochure and the Military Funeral Honors page at <https://go.usa.gov/xJvfd> will assist you in making these arrangements on behalf of the family. The DOD thanks you for your continued support and commitment to our nation's veterans.



The rendering of military funeral honors is one way we show the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended and served our country. It is the final tribute provided to the veteran and the family that supported them during their service. The tradition of providing military funeral honors began in ancient Greece and Rome. The funeral honors protocol of today traces its roots to these ceremonies, as well as to historical American experiences.



Military OneSource provides links to legislation, the Department of Veterans Affairs, a Military Funeral Honors Directory by service, and other useful information for veterans, families and funeral directors at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/military-life-cycle/veterans-military-funeral-honors>.

Note: It is important that the service casualty office be notified of a retiree's death, as it can provide additional information or resources to the family. The Office of Survivor's Assistance, at <https://www.va.gov/survivors>, can provide information for VA benefits and resources.

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**The DOD pledges to work with you to ensure that each request for military funeral honors is handled immediately and that the family is treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.**



For more information, visit  
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