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 (N00K)
Casualty Assistance & Funeral Honors Specialist
716 Sicard St. SE, Suite 101
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5140

**Air Force and Space Force**
Air Force Military Funeral Honors
116 Purple Heart Drive
Dover AFB, DE 19902
800-531-5803, Opt. 2

**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 Department of Defense 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.


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.
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 no fewer than 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 Department of Defense funeral honors detail may be augmented by a veteran service organization to provide additional elements, such as a rifle detail or pallbearers.

How does the family request military funeral honors?
Families of eligible veterans should 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 one’s 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/leaders-service-providers/casualty-assistance/military-funeral-honors/.

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 loss 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 Department of Defense provides military funeral honors at no cost 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 Department of Defense and the local veteran service organization?
Yes, the Department of Defense recognizes the valuable role that members of veteran service organizations play in honoring our veterans. Section 1491(b) of Title 10, U.S. Code, authorizes members of veteran service organizations, as well as other approved organizations, to participate with the military services in providing funeral honors. Veteran service organizations 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 Department of Defense 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 recipients.