



The War Department provides military funeral honors to express deep gratitude for those who have served our nation. The following individuals are eligible to receive military funeral honors – at no cost:

- Military members who die while on active duty
- Eligible veterans, former members of the selected reserves, Members of the Commissioned Officers Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, certain eligible civilian or contractual groups who have been given active-duty determinations

It is our nation's way of saying to the family of the departed – their loved one is not forgotten – we will take them home.

**Funeral providers: We are here to serve – and to help you serve – the family of any eligible veteran.**

## Resources

The following links will help you find the information you need to render military funeral honors:

**Military OneSource:**

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

**War Department:**

<https://www.defense.gov/Contact/Help-Center/Article/Article/2746201/arranging-military-funeral-honors-for-a-veteran/>

**Veterans Affairs:**

[https://www.cem.va.gov/military\\_funeral\\_honors.asp](https://www.cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp)

**National Archives:**

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>



# Military Funeral Honors – A Hero's Tribute

*Gone, but never forgotten.*

# A Hero's Grace

There are those, among our best,  
who answered the nation's call.

Who left home and love and feathered nests  
to preserve freedom for us all.

They would balk at the label "hero"  
and deny the laurel crest.

But as time follows them  
as it tails us all - to lay us to our rest -  
we have but one last chance  
to stay the cold,  
to raise the bugle bold.

To cast honor over all their days  
and give tribute, in tradition's mold.

That we may reflect on this hero's grace  
and glories left untold.

