

Authorized Provider Partnership Program

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- Authorized Provider Partnership Program information and resources: <https://www.mos.mil/ap3>
- Military Funeral Honors Service Program Managers: <https://www.mos.mil/mfh-program-managers>
- Military Funeral Support (Defense Department Instruction 1300.15): <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/130015p.pdf>

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This guide explains what the
Authorized Provider Partnership Program
is, how it works and the requirements
for becoming a participant in
military funeral honors.



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What is the AP3?

The Authorized Provider Partnership Program symbolizes the continuity of respect for deceased veterans from those who are serving and those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The program allows the use of community volunteers to augment the legislated two-person uniformed detail. They will fold and present the flag for veteran funerals. It permits military units to train volunteers to assist with the rendering of military funeral honors and the adding of additional elements to the funeral service, such as a firing party, pall bearers or a bugler.

Local military units, whether they are active, guard or reserve, work with their local veteran honor guard members and other appropriate volunteers. Those who volunteer must be trained by the corresponding service branch to learn their unique ways of rendering honors. In many cases, the veterans service organizations, or VSOs, may have been performing funeral honors as long as, or longer than, the military unit. The purpose of the training is to ensure a professional, well-coordinated and dignified rendering of honors.

Individual veterans and a variety of organizations can provide AP3 partners. Two nationally recognized VSOs include the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the American Legion. The Department of Veterans Affairs maintains a VSO directory listing organizations providing services to the veteran community at <https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>.

Other authorized providers include the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and state military funeral honors organizations.

Who is eligible?

For an individual or group to be recognized as an authorized provider under the program, they must receive training and be recognized by the individual service that has requested their support. Recognition as an authorized provider is service specific.

Who can I contact to participate?

Contact the military service coordinator in your area by going to <https://www.mos.mil/mfh-program-managers>.

Will I receive any compensation?

The secretary of a military department may provide a daily stipend for a person who's been requested and participates in the military funeral honors detail and is not a member of the armed forces or an employee of the United States. If the partner uses their own personal transportation, the volunteers will be paid.

Can an authorized provider use a military sales store to get clothing items?

The military service may assist AP3 providers who are eligible to purchase clothing by providing them access to military clothing sales stores or other sources of uniform items in accordance with statutory authorities and service policies – notwithstanding the restrictions in DOD Instruction 1330.21, "Armed Services Exchange Regulations." For members of a veterans' organization or other organization referred to in Section 1491(b) (2) of Title 10, U.S.C., articles of clothing that are determined by the secretary of the military

department concerned are appropriate as a civilian uniform for persons participating in a funeral honors detail.

VSO uniforms and civilian business attire are also appropriate clothing for military funeral honors.

How can I get replacement medals or ribbons for my uniform?

Army and Department of the Air Force veterans may purchase medals from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service. Call 888-768-3204 to receive a mail order catalog.

Navy and Marine Corps veterans may purchase medals from the toll-free Navy Exchange mail order program at 800-368-4088. Catalog operators will provide instructions for forwarding DD Form 214 and assist in selecting authorized uniform items.

Medals awarded while on active service are issued free of charge if requested in writing. To learn how, visit <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals>.

Where can I learn more about military funeral honors?

For basic information about funeral honors, from making a request to presenting the flag, see the Funeral Directors and Planners MilLife Guide at <https://www.mos.mil/planner-resources>.