

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HONORS?

The rendering of Military Honors for United States Armed Forces veterans is a tribute that our veterans and their families justly deserve. Section 578 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 requires the Department of Defense to provide, upon request, Military Funeral Honors (MFHs) for eligible veterans.

Any person (Active, National Guard, or Reserve) who has completed at least one enlistment or other obligated military service (officer), and received anything other than a dishonorable discharge is eligible for military funeral honors.

Military funeral honors may not be furnished for any individual convicted of a capital offense under federal or state law for which the person was sentenced to death or life without parole.

ARE THERE ANY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS?

FORM DD214

For active duty or reserve components
OR

FORM NGB 22 or 55
For National Guard soldiers
OR

Certificate of Honorable Discharge

NOTE:

The next of kin may coordinate with the State Military Department War Records Division, for assistance in securing discharge papers. Contact us for additional information.

HOW DO I REQUEST HONORS?

Family members of the deceased veteran should notify the funeral director of their desire to have military funeral honors rendered at the internment of their loved one. The funeral director should contact the appropriate military branch casualty assistance of the deceased for regional telephone numbers.



Army Veteran



Air Force Veteran



Marine Corp Veteran



Navy Veteran



Coast Guard Veteran

Or call the State National Guard Honor
Guard Coordinator, Joint Forces
Headquarters
1-800-621-4136 Ext 46273

National Guard Honor Guard Program



NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

...ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL NATION...



OUR MISSION

To provide and coordinate the appropriate final tribute to eligible Veterans, the paying of respect and final demonstration of the country's gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully served our Nation. The provision of military honors is a total force mission and both active and reserve component members perform this mission.

THERE IS NO COST FOR MILITARY HONORS

CONTACT:

NCNG Military Funeral Honors

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MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

The following Variations of Military Honors may be rendered for an eligible deceased veteran. The number of personnel assigned to the team is determined by the current policy and availability of personnel.

Veteran Honors

Designated for eligible deceased veterans. Ceremony consists of two personnel to conduct military flag folding, presentation of the flag to the next of kin, and the sounding of TAPS.

Ceremonial Rifle Volley and/or Pall Bearers Honors

Designated for eligible deceased retired service members, deceased service members not killed in action, General officers, and E-9s. Ceremony may consist of seven (7) personnel to conduct basic honors, rifle volley, and/or pall bearers.

FULL HONORS

Designated for a service member killed in action or a Medal of Honor recipient. Ceremony may consist of twenty-one (21) personnel to conduct basic honors, ceremonial rifle volley, pall bearers, color guard, and Chaplain.

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The families need only to express the desire for Military Funeral Honors to the funeral director, who in turn will contact the Military Honors Office for coordination of the military honors ceremony.

AUTHORIZED PROVIDER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (AP3)

It has been projected that NC will lose over 18,000 of its veterans each year through the year 2015. In order to meet the increasing demand for military funeral honors, the National Guard Honor Guard will partner with Veteran Service Organizations upon request to provide each veteran and their family with additional, richly deserved military funeral honors.

Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), are organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and The American Legion. These veterans are vested in ensuring their peers are remembered and honored; and we are honored to work with them .