

Military Funeral Honors Q and A:

Who is eligible for Military Funeral Honors?

- Military members who died while on active duty or in the Selected Reserve
- Former military members who served on active duty or in the Selected Reserve and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and were discharged under other than dishonorable condition.
- Those discharge under “other than honorable” with supporting DD214 stating why they are other than honorable.
- Only the parent branch is allowed to conduct Military Funeral Honors; unless the parent branch requests differently.

Further clarification on eligibility is available at WWW.DMDC.OSD.MIL//MFH

How do I verify eligibility of a veteran?

- With a DD214
- Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or
- Form 1173 (retiree ID card)

What if there is no proof of service?

- Contact the National Eligibility at 800-335-1117
- Information needed: Full Name, SSN, Date of Birth (from 1960-1970), Branch of Service
- Contact the Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) Ft Huachuca 520-533-1285

How much notice is needed when requesting Military Honors?

- We appreciate at least 24 hours prior

Who receives a Firing Party from the Army?

- Veterans that have served and retired with 20 or more years.
- Soldiers that have been medically RETIRED.
- Soldiers that have been killed in action
- Medal of Honor Recipients

Further clarification is mentioned in AR 600-25 section 6-17

Can a VSO provide a Firing Party?

- A family can ask a VSO to provide a firing party if they like
- The Army can fold the flag and play taps along with the VSO Firing Party
- The family or funeral director will have to get in touch with the VSO the Army cannot
- The deceased does not have to be retired or any of the above mentioned to have a VSO fire.

Do honors have to be at a cemetery or church?

- The NV Army National Guard can provide honors at any requested location to include private residence