

VISION

**To be the elite Honor Guard
in the Pacific Northwest!**



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WE WILL, with an unwavering sense of dedication, precisely execute military honors for Active Duty, Retirees, Veterans and The Flag.

WE WILL exceed the standards of conduct while demonstrating the highest level of commitment.

“TO HONOR WITH DIGNITY”

Area of Responsibility

Oregon

Benton
Clackamas
Clatsop
Columbia
Coos
Crook
Deschutes
Douglas
Gilliam
Hood River
Jefferson
Lane
Lincoln
Linn
Marion
Morrow
Multnomah
Polk
Sherman
Tillamook
Wasco
Washington
Wheeler
Yamhill

Washington

Chelan
Clallam
Clark
Cowlitz
Grays Harbor
Island
Jefferson
King
Kitsap
Kittitas
Klickitat
Lewis
Mason
Pacific
Pierce
San Juan
Skagit
Skamania
Snohomish
Thurston
Wahkiakum
Whatcom
Yakima

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Hours of Operation: 0730-1630 M-F

McCHORD FIELD HONOR GUARD



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“Honoring Those Who Served”

The Department of Defense is responsible for providing military funeral honors. “Honoring Those Who Served” is the title of the DOD program for providing dignified military funeral honors to our nations Veterans.

Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible Veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony. The law calls for funeral directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veterans' family.

Any service member honorably discharged after six months of service in the U.S. Air Force/Army Air Corps and considered to be in veteran status is entitled to the Veterans Funeral Honors, to include folding and presenting the United States burial flag and the playing of “Taps.” Veterans Funerals are performed by a two-man team.

Retired U.S. Air Force/Army Air Corps will receive the Standard Funeral Honors service. This detail consists of a pall-bearing sequence, a six-man flag fold, a three-volley rifle salute, and the playing of “Taps.” After this sequence is completed, the flag will be presented to the next-of-kin. Three expended shell casings may be presented to the next-of-kin upon request.

Active-duty deaths or anyone deserving of Full Honors will receive a ceremony performed by twenty guardsmen; consisting of six pallbearers, seven firing party members, four color guards, one bugler, one non-commissioned officer in charge of the firing party, and one officer in charge of the detail. Twenty-one expended shell casings may be presented to the next-of-kin upon request.



TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.
Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.
Thanks and praise for our days
Neath the sun, neath the stars, neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*

