

Determine Military Funeral Honors (MFH) Eligibility Process: Every Veteran who passes is entitled to a MFH ceremony

Description

Every Soldier is entitled to the core elements of the Military Funeral Honors ceremony. The following are also eligible: military members on Active Duty or in the Selected Reserve; former military members who served on Active Duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable; former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable; and former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. The core elements of the funeral honors ceremony, which will be conducted, are: flag folding, flag presentation, and playing of TAPS. The Veteran's parent Service representative will present the flag.

The number of Honor Guard Soldiers is based on the status of the Soldier: a Soldier Killed in Action (KIA), In-Theatre, E9 or O6 and above receives 21 Honor Guard Soldiers, a Soldier who dies while on Active Duty receives nine Honor Guard Soldiers, and a Veteran Soldier receives three Honor Guard Soldiers. The Honor Guard Detail provides respect and the country's gratitude of those who have defended our nation.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

ARNG Honor Guard Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

[DoDI 1300.15, Military Funeral Honors](#)

Memorandum June 2008

Military Funeral Honors Handbook

[U.S. Code, Title 10, Armed Forces](#)

Documents and Forms

After Action Report

DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty

[NGB Form 22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service](#)

Twenty Year Letter

Related Processes

[Conduct Military Funeral Honors \(MFH\) Process](#)

[Input New Military Funeral Honors \(MFH\) Mission into TAPS Database Process](#)

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