



Military Honor Services

Military honors are available to all veterans regardless of rank, length of service or location of burial. There is a difference in the honors of retired military (20 years served) and an honorably discharged veteran (less than 20 years).

For Retired Military (20+ years)

The veterans branch of service will send an honors team made up of a minimum of an officer and an active-duty NCO. Based on the distance from the base they may bring a rifle team, or they may augment one from a local group like an American Legion or VFW Post.

Veterans (less than 20 years of service and honorably discharged)

Military honors are performed if an honors team is available, although it may not be branch specific. Your funeral home will contact your local veterans' groups for honors requests. Rifle teams are not guaranteed to people with less than 20 years. However, if a rifle team is available, they add a great deal to the event.

The family will receive a folded flag. Military honors are only offered once for each veteran.

Gratuities are accepted by the volunteer groups and pay for uniform cleaning, travel, and meals. Typical gratuity is \$150 - \$200.

Please note:

- The rifle salute is 7 rifles firing 3 volleys. A 21-gun salute is only afforded to the President of the United States.
- The rifle salute can be silent. Some families prefer the rifle team to be at attention, but no volleys fired.