

MILITARY HONOR SERVICES



Military honors are available to all veterans, regardless of rank, length of service, or place of burial. However, the type of honors provided differs between retired military members (20 or more years of service) and honorably discharged veterans with less than 20 years.

Retired Military (20+ years of service)

- The veteran's branch of service will provide an honors team consisting of at least one officer and one active-duty NCO. Depending on the distance from the nearest base, they may also bring a rifle team. If not, they may supplement the detail with a local group, such as an American Legion or VFW post.

Honorably Discharged Veterans (less than 20 years of service)

- Military honors are provided when an honors team is available, though it may not be branch-specific. The funeral home will coordinate requests with local veterans' organizations. Rifle teams are not guaranteed for veterans with fewer than 20 years of service, but if one is available, it can add greatly to the ceremony.
- The family will receive a folded flag. Please note that military honors can only be rendered once for each veteran.
- Volunteer groups do accept gratuities to help cover uniform cleaning, travel, and meals. Typical gratuities range from \$150 to \$200.

Additional Notes

- A rifle salute consists of seven rifles firing three volleys. A "21-gun salute" is reserved exclusively for the President of the United States.
- Families may request a silent rifle salute, in which the rifle team stands at attention without firing.