

RETIREE AND VETS DEATH BENEFITS

Military funeral honors

Learn how the military can honor a veteran at their funeral and find out how to get a military grave marker.

Funeral honors include the playing of "Taps," the presentation of a U.S. flag, and a detail of uniformed military personnel.

These honors are provided for **free for veterans, Retirees and active-duty members.**

Eligibility:

- **Military members who die while on active duty**
- **Veterans who served in the active military, naval or air service, and were discharged or released from that service by means of an "honorable" or "under honorable conditions" discharge**
- **Members or former members of the selected reserves who were discharged or released from service by means of an "honorable" or "under honorable conditions" discharge.**
- **Members of the Commissioned Officers Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
- **Certain civilian or contractual groups who have been given active-duty determinations may also be eligible for funeral honors, as they may have been named active-duty designees for the military, Navy or the Department of the Air Force services.**

Ineligible for honors:

The following persons are not eligible for military funeral honors:

- **Individuals separated from the armed forces under dishonorable conditions or those who have been barred from veteran's benefits.**
- **Those who have been convicted of a federal or state capital crime.**
- **A person who is found to have committed but who has not yet been convicted of a federal or state capital crime by reason of their not being available for trial due to their death or flight to avoid prosecution.**
- **A person convicted of a federal or state crime causing the person to be a Tier III sex offender.**
- **Anyone who was ordered to report to an induction station but was not actually inducted into military service.**
- **Any person who the secretaries of the military department deny military funeral honors.**

For more information, contact your USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Casualty Assistance Manager at +49 (0) 6111-43541-1021.