

Tips for Requesting Military Honors/Rifle Units

- Funeral Honors ***must*** be requested through the appropriate service branch. Please use the numbers provided to contact the corresponding Military Funeral Honors detachment.
 - Forms and processes may be different for each branch of service and may require longer wait times or additional documentation to complete!
- The national agencies ***usually*** arrange for the Honor Guard & Rifle units, but you must check and be prepared to contact a rifle unit yourself locally if not done for you.
- Not all Honor Guard units have rifle units attached so the rifle unit may need to be secured separately.
- Rifle units are available by location or jurisdiction depending on the planned service location (note: they are territorial and do not cross into other areas).
- Rifle units may be attached to VFW Posts, American Legion Posts and/or the National Guard.
- Flags may not always be available from the family's funeral director or the Honor Guard but can be requested from the local VA office or US Post Office (See request form on main page).
- The following general information is needed for military honors requests:
 - Name of deceased
 - Copy of DD214 (DOB, DOD, branch of service, rank, dates of military service)
 - Next of kin: name, relationship to deceased, home address, phone number
 - Services: type of service, location, date, time
 - Person making request: name, contact info, relationship to deceased
- Local Rifle Unit Contacts:

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