

## Missing In America Project

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## After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery 11/2/2023

At 1300 hours on October 31, 2023, Washington State MIAP conducted a service for 28 veterans, 6 spouses and 1 child. The veterans served from 1884 through Vietnam. The majority, 11, served in the Spanish American War. There were 6 WWI veterans and 5 Vietnam veterans. There was also service in the Indian Wars, Philippine American War, the Philippine Occupation, WWII, Korea and the Cold War. They served in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force.

The cremains were recovered from Dignity Memorial's Butterworth Funeral Home and Queen Anne Columbarium, Oakwood Hill Chapel and Cemetery, Lake View Cemetery, Rose City Cemetery and the Grays Harbor County Coroner.

The service was opened with the bugler playing *To the Colors.* The service was conducted by American Legion Post 19 in Renton, WA. Military Honors were rendered by the Washington Army National Guard from Camp Murray, WA.

As each veteran's cremains were carried from the Dignity Memorial hearse to their place on the tables they received their final salute, their name was read aloud and a bell was rung. The dependents were acknowledged when their names were read and the bell rung.

MIAP was supported by multiple organizations including the PGR, CVI, AL, Oregon MIAP and AMVETS. Clear skies and mild temperatures were conducive to a large turnout.

Respectfully submitted,

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