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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery 4/24/2024

At 1300 hours on April 23, 2024, Washington State MIAP conducted a service for 23 veterans, 9 spouses and 8 children. Two veterans served in the Spanish American War, five in WWI, five in WWII, and eight in Vietnam. Two soldiers and one sailor served in the late 1880s into the early 1890s. We honored 16 Soldiers, 3 Sailors, 3 Airmen and one Marine. Twenty-eight of the forty unclaimed passed more than fifty years ago.

The cremains were recovered with cooperation from Dignity Memorial's Butterworth FH, Lake View Cemetery, Gillies FH, Funeral Alternatives of Marysville, Oakwood Hill Chapel, the Snohomish Co. Medical Examiner and the Grays Harbor Co. Coroner.

After a welcome and opening prayer bugler Dan opened the service with *To The Colors*. The veteran's names were read and a bell was rung as they were carried from the hearse and placed on a table. They received their final salute. A short introduction to the MIAP mission and thank yous were conveyed by an MIAP volunteer.

Military Honors were rendered by the Washington Army National Guard from Camp Murray and American Legion Post 19 from Renton. The flag was presented to the brother of one of the children who died in 1948. At the end of the service he was escorted by MIAP volunteers to their father's niche so he could witness the placement.

A large contingent of the PGR attended. Besides handling a flag line they carried the veterans from the hearse. We have members of the Supreme Emblem Club of the USA that attend our services regularly. We were honored with an unannounced visit of their Supreme President, Joyce Allison, from Selma, AL. They are staunch supporters of MIAP and our mission.

Respectfully submitted,

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