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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery 5/31/2024

At 1330 hours on May 30, 2024, Washington State MIAP conducted a service for 23 veterans, 12 spouses and 4 children. We honored 13 Soldiers, 2 Marines, 4 Sailors, 3 Airmen and a soldier that served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI. Three soldiers served between 1878 and 1914 in non-war periods. Other service members served in the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. We also placed the spouse of the veteran that served from 1878-1879 along with their two sons, both WWI veterans. She died in 1913. Another couple, both Marines, served in WWII and Korea. The four children died from 1918-1922.

The cremains were recovered with cooperation from Lake View Cemetery in Seattle, Funeral Alternatives of Marysville, Desert Lawn Funeral Home in Kennewick, and the Walla Walla and Grays Harbor Co. Coroners.

After a welcome and opening prayer the veteran's names were read and a bell was rung. They were carried from the hearse and placed on a table where they received their final salute. Comments and thank yous were conveyed by an MIAP volunteer.

Military Honors were rendered by the Washington Army National Guard from Camp Murray and VFW Post 5052 from Maple Valley/Black Diamond.

We were supported by the ever present PGR, DAR, and the Supreme Emblem Club of the USA.

Respectfully submitted,

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