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## After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery 8/27/2024

At 1230 hours on August 22, 2024, Washington State MIAP conducted a service for 28 Civil War Veterans, 1 Mexican War Veteran and 31 Civil War Spouses. These numbers include 11 married couples. We honored 27 soldiers and two sailors. They hailed from 15 states. Forty-four of the sixty passed over 100 years ago.

Cremaains were recovered with the assistance and cooperation of Lake View Cemetery and Dignity Memorial's Butterworth Funeral Home. We have been working in both locations for several years.

The service was opened by Curtis Langer, Assistant Director of Tahoma National Cemetery. The Invocation was by Glenn Wade of the Peninsula Veterans Honor Guard. MIAP had a short welcome and some acknowledgements. This was followed by a Roll Call. As each veteran and their spouse were transferred from the coach to the table their names and military units were announced, a bell was rung. Then some notes regarding the veterans' military service were shared.

Tony Pasillas spoke on the history of the G.A.R. and how the SUVCW came to be. He discussed the ongoing mission of the Sons. He then introduced Jim Dimond, Commander, Governor Isaac Stevens Camp #1. A traditional G.A.R. funeral service was conducted.

Musket volleys were done by the Historical 4th U.S. Infantry Regiment. Taps was played by Debbie Dawson of the Peninsula Veterans Honor Guard. The flag folding and presentation were completed by the Washington Army National Guard from Camp Murray. The poem *Freedom Isn't Free* was read by Glenn Wade during the folding of the flag.

Our distinguished guests included Clyde Taylor, MIAP National VP, and his wife Patricia; Jacqueline Riddell, Regent, Washington State DAR; Tony Pasillas, Commander, Department of the Columbia (WA, OR, AK), SUVCW.

In addition to those noted above, we were supported by DAR, SAR, SUVCW Reserve, Co. B, 71<sup>st</sup> PA Infantry and the ever present PGR.

On August 21, 2024, a community memorial service was sponsored by Dignity Memorial's Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home and Cemetery in Seattle, WA. Prior to the service a gravestone dedication was done for Webber Samuel Seavey, Captain, Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry.

Respectfully submitted,  
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