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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

23 April 2026

On April 22, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Navy Veterans and 11 Navy dependents. Sixteen Sailors served in WWI, one served in both WWs. Three served in non-war periods prior to 1940. There was 1 married couple, 8 spouses and 2 sons. The sons were 5 and 12 when they passed in 1958 and 1963.

Their cremains were identified and recovered with the cooperation and assistance of Dignity Memorial's Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home and Cemetery, Scott Sheehan, General Manager.

Roll call was conducted by MIAP volunteers Tom Keating and Mare Saunders. As each veteran's urn was transported from the hearse, a bell was rung. Flowers were carried forward for each dependent as their name was read and the bell was rung.

The Washington Army National Guard, Camp Murray, provided the rifle team. The Navy, from Naval Station Everett, provided a team of four to conduct the Military Funeral Honors flag ceremony. Our Chaplain was Randy Leno, and the bugler was David Dittmore. In addition to Taps, David played Anchors Aweigh and the Navy Hymn.

The flag was presented to Mr. Ken Anderson, USN, retired. He is the Assistant Director of Tahoma National Cemetery

MIAP was supported by the PGR and DAR. The Tahoma National Cemetery staff placed the urns in their final resting place by day's end.

You Are Not Forgotten.

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