



# Missing In America Project

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## After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

**12 June 2026**

On June 10, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Army Soldiers, two of their spouses, one of their sons and four unaccompanied spouses. They served in the Sp Am War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Their cremains were identified and recovered with the cooperation and assistance of the Whatcom Co. and Snohomish Co. Medical Examiners' Offices, the Grays Harbor Co. and Thurston Co. Coroners' Offices, American Cremation and Casket Alliance (ACCA) and Lake View Cemetery.

Roll call was conducted by MIAP volunteers Mike Morrissey and Mare Saunders. As each veteran's urn was transported from the cage, a bell was rung. The two veterans' spouses and the son were carried forward with them. The unaccompanied spouses were placed in their niches just prior to the service. During the service, flowers were carried forward for each of them as their name was announced and the bell was rung.

Funeral honors were conducted by the Washington Army National Guard, Camp Murray, and the Eastside Veterans Honor Guard, Art Farash, team leader. Chaplain Jack Prindle did the invocation, benediction and read a poem during the folding of the flag. Bugler David Dittmore played taps.

Team member Jim deLucia introduced Louise Trapp. She is the Whatcom Co. ME Operations Manager. Louise is a former Australian Air Force flight nurse. She accepted the flag on behalf of those veterans we honored. He also introduced Joseph Chartier. Joe is a retired USAF veteran and the Commander of VFW 12228 in Stanwood. He was representing ACCA. We were fortunate to have friends and family of three of our veterans in attendance. Paws for Purple Hearts attended, also.

The Tahoma National Cemetery staff placed the urns in their final resting place by day's end.

MIAP was supported by the PGR and DAR. Thanks to all those who support our mission.

*You Are Not Forgotten.*

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