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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

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On July 22, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Army veterans. Two served in the Spanish American War. The remainder of the veterans served in non-war periods. Twelve had service between 1901 and 1920. The remainder served from 1921 to 1941.

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 Mike Morrissey and Mare Saunders.

Funeral honors were conducted by the Washington Army National Guard, Camp Murray. Bugler Jim Kellett played taps. Chaplain Randy Leno did the invocation, benediction and conveyed the meaning of the folds of the flag while it was being prepared for presentation.

The flag was presented to 1SG Judy Leu, U.S. Army retired. She served from 1963 to 1988. Judy stated that she was the first female 1SG authorized to wear the diamond on her rank insignia in 1975. She is a regular volunteer at Tahoma National Cemetery and attends many of MIAP's services.

Temperatures were in the low 90s but the PGR was there in force to support the mission. We were pleased that representatives of the Seattle Tacoma Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club attended.

The Tahoma National Cemetery staff ensured that all the veterans reached their final resting place by day's end.

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