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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

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On June 24, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Navy Veterans and one of their spouses. They served in WWI, WWII and Korea.

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 their name, rank and period of service were announced and a bell was rung.

Funeral honors were conducted by the U.S. Navy from Naval Station Everett and American Legion Post 19 from Auburn. AL Post 19's Commander is Kevin Rose. Jim Kellett was the bugler. Randy Leno was the chaplain.

The flag was presented to CWO2 Joseph Lavoie, U.S. Navy, retired. He served as a Boatswain's Mate, spending 18 months on swift boats in Vietnam. Joe has attended over 3,000 services for Navy Veterans at Tahoma National Cemetery.

WA PGR Captain Neal Miller made the long trip from the eastern part of the state and attended today's service. Paws for Purple Hearts was in attendance, both human and canine members. Family members of the Navy Funeral Honors Team also attended. They all transported urns from the hearse to the tables along with PGR and DAR members. As always, Tahoma National Cemetery staff placed the urns in their final resting place by day's end.

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