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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

August 13, 2026

On August 12, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 WWII Army veterans and 11 spouses. We had one married couple and two subsequent interments.

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. As each veteran's urn was transported from the hearse, a bell was rung. The one veteran's spouse was carried forward with him. 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 about WWII veterans and the Greatest Generation, during the folding of the flag. Bugler David Dittmore played taps.

The flag was presented to David Bloch. His father, US Army COL Orville Emil Bloch, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions as a 1LT on September 22, 1944. David volunteers at the Evergreen Washelli Cemetery on various occasions. He plays taps and provides MOH tours. His father is buried at Evergreen Washelli. <https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/orville-e-bloch>

Special guests included MIAP VP Clyde Taylor and his wife Patricia. Paws for Purple Hearts was in attendance. As always, we had tremendous support from the PGR led by Chuck Holton, Assistant State Captain and Anthony Quintero, NW District Ride Captain.

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

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