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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

October 15, 2026

On October 14, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 WWI Army veterans and 4 infants.

The veterans' remains were identified and recovered with the cooperation and assistance of Dignity Memorial's Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home and Cemetery, Scott Sheehan, General Manager. The infants were recovered from the Yakima County Coroner Marshall Slight. Assistance was provided by Laura Goche from the Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima, WA. The coroner's unclaimed are stored at the Tahoma Cemetery.

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 the poem *Bury Me With Soldiers* during the folding of the flag. Bugler David Dittamore played taps. Roll call was conducted by MIAP volunteers Mike Morrissey and Mare Saunders.

We were pleased to have representatives of Scouts BSA Troop 455 and Cub Scout Packs 712 and 495 in attendance. They transported urns and flowers during the service. Scout Leader Tina Foo accepted the flag on behalf of the scouts and their leaders. PGR Assistant State Captain Chuck Holton briefed the scouts on how to transport the urns, the slow salute, funeral honors, why we have the services and how they are representing the families of the unclaimed soldiers.

Also in attendance were members of DAR and Paws for Purple Hearts. As always, the PGR set up flags and participated in the service.

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