



Missing In America Project

www.miap.us

After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

27 August 2026

On August 26, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Army veterans, 9 Army spouses and 1 child. There were 3 Civil War veterans. Other veterans served in the Indian Wars, the Sp Am War, the Philippine American War, WWI, with the North Russia Expeditionary Force, the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Six of the spouses were Civil War spouses.

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. Scott attends all our services. Richard Heisler, a Civil War historian, accompanied Scott.

Roll call was conducted by MIAP volunteers Mare Saunders and Tom Keating.

Funeral honors were conducted by the Washington Army National Guard from 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 Jim and Loretta Dimond. Jim is the Commander of Governor Isaac Stevens Camp #1, SUVCW. Loretta is a published Civil War historian.

We were supported by the PGR, DAR, the Seattle-Tacoma Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club and Paws for Purple Hearts. Several members of the SUVCW attended the service.

The Tahoma National Cemetery staff ensured that all reached their final resting place by day's end. Four of those honored today have been waiting over 100 years.

You Are Not Forgotten.

Thomas E. Keating ~ Washington State Coordinator
Lynn Lake ~ Assistant WA State Coordinator