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After Action Report
Tahoma National Cemetery
Kent, Washington

29 October 2026

On October 28, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Army WWII Veterans.

The veterans' cremains were identified and recovered with the cooperation and assistance of Dignity Memorial's Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home and Cemetery, Scott Sheehan, General Manager

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 Mare Saunders. Mare is a MIAP team member, a member of DAR and she volunteers weekly at Tahoma National Cemetery.

MIAP volunteers Mare Saunders and Tom Keating conducted roll call. As each urn was transported from the hearse the name and rank was read and a bell was rung. After the bell was rung notes about some of the veterans were announced. We had one Bronze Star recipient; one veteran had a relative that served in the Revolutionary War, three had relatives that served in the Civil War, and one veteran's father was wounded in WWI.

Ongoing construction required us to use a backup committal shelter for most of 2026. We returned to a permanent shelter offering better protection just in time for fall weather in northwestern Washington.

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