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After Action Report Tahoma National Cemetery Kent, Washington

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On July 8, 2026, the Washington State MIAP Team conducted a service for 20 Army WWI veterans.

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.

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 during the folding of the flag. Bugler David Dittmore played taps.

The flag was presented to MIAP team member Major Mike Morrissey, USAFR, retired. After eight years as an active-duty pilot Mike entered the commercial airline field. He retired from Southwest Airlines after 33 years in commercial aviation.

We were pleased that Paws for Purple Hearts was able to attend our service once again.

Even with their busy schedule the PGR is always present at our services. They set up flags, coordinate and assist with the movement of cremains during the service, and, after the service, they assist with the transfer of the cremains to the cemetery. Thank you, PGR!

The Tahoma National Cemetery staff ensured that all the veterans reached their final resting place by day's end. They have been waiting from 48 up to 72 years.

You Are Not Forgotten.

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