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After Action Report Washington State Veterans Cemetery 11/21/2023

On November 16, 2023, MIAP Volunteers delivered the unclaimed cremains of ten veterans to the Washington State Veterans Cemetery (WSVC) in Medical Lake, WA. Five are WWII Veterans and three are Vietnam Veterans. They served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The cremains were recovered from River Valley Funeral and Cremation in Okanogan, WA.

The journey to recover the cremains began in early 2020. The names were released to MIAP volunteers. Once eligibility requests were submitted and approved the funeral home chose not to release the cremains. Move forward to 2022 and the funeral home came under new Veteran ownership. The cremains were released and applications for interment were submitted to WSVC. In early November the interment applications were approved. MIAP volunteers made the 275 mile round trip, encountering icy road conditions, in one day. Due to cemetery scheduling issues these will be direct interments with a Military Honors service to follow at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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