

Military Honors for Northwest Coast Guard Veterans

One of the important details for loved ones to confront when a Coast Guard veteran crosses the bar concerns arrangements for Military Honors when appropriate and if desired. The following information is intended to inform Coast Guard veterans and their families in the Pacific Northwest concerning procedures in place to help with this planning when an eligible veteran crosses the bar. Most Funeral Homes will contact the Coast Guard Honors Coordinator at the Coast Guard Base Seattle directly to make these arrangements when requested by the family of the deceased. The Funeral Home will submit to the coordinator a special request form with a DD-214 form provided by the family (which confirms eligibility for Honors). This process is necessary whether Honors are to be rendered at a National Cemetery, in a church or at some other location. If the Funeral Home is unsure about the requirements or how to proceed with the request, an Email by the Funeral Home or family member to the Base Seattle Honor Guard Coordinator will result in direct contact with the coordinator. The Email address may be found on the following website: (<http://uscg.mil/baseseattle/honorguard.asp>).

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