



California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

Military Funeral Honors

Every veteran eligible for placement at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) is entitled to Military Funeral Honors.¹ The Department of Defense is responsible for providing this service, which involves two or more uniformed service members folding and presenting a U.S. burial flag to the family, and playing of Taps. A gun salute by a rifle squad is reserved for veterans who retired from military service, service members killed on active duty, and Medal of Honor recipients. The veteran's branch of service is responsible for determining which type of honors will be rendered.

Department of Defense policy allows for Military Honors to be performed one time for each veteran.² Military Honor Guards *will not* perform Funeral Honors a second time. The veteran's branch of service will check their records to determine if Military Honors have been rendered.

The family or funeral home is responsible for requesting Military Funeral Honors.³ To request this service, and to request a military chaplain, contact the appropriate branch of service:

Army Veteran

1.877.847.8830

Marine Corps Veteran

1.866.826.3628

Navy Veteran

1.800.326.9631

Air Force Veteran

1.800.586.8402

Coast Guard Veteran

1.510.437.3712

Veterans groups can also perform Military Funeral Honors, but do so on a voluntary basis, so there is no guarantee they can provide this service. If the family prefers to use a veterans group, or wants Military Funeral Honors performed for a second time during placement at CCCVC, contact:

Abe Moura (American Legion) 1.831.214.8256, or
Leo McArdle (United States Volunteers) 1.650.303.2725

¹ 10 U.S.C. §1419(a); see <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/10/1491>. Except in certain circumstances, such as conviction for a capital crime; 10 U.S.C. §985(a)

² <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/getLinks.do?tab=FAQ#q4>.

³ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, "Interments in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemeteries," VA-NCA-IS-1, January 2011, §II(5).