



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Funeral Directors in the State of Pennsylvania
THRU Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association

**SUBJECT: Military Funeral Honors continue despite COVID-19
limitations**

1. This memorandum serves to clarify and inform all funeral directors in all counties of Pennsylvania that Military Funeral Honors **continue to be available** to all qualified deceased Army veterans that will be interred in **private cemeteries** and private grounds.
2. While national cemeteries such as Indiantown Gap and Washington's Crossing are closed due to COVID-19, this does not impact the ability of the US Army to provide Soldiers for Military Honors at private cemeteries.
3. Veterans Service Organizations such as the American Legion or VFW may be restricted from providing military honors due to COVID-19, but again, the active Army, to include Reserve and National Guard continues to provide Military Honors at private cemeteries.
4. Please continue to request military honors in the normal method via the Casualty Assistance Center, below, so our teams can continue to honor veterans and show the gratitude of a grateful nation toward their families.
5. Pennsylvania Army coordinators:
301-677-2206, or 609-562-4453 (Counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia)
6. Military Funeral Honors Directory:
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/casualty-assistance/military-funeral-honors>

Sincerely, Casualty Operations Branch