

AR 600-25 Salutes, Honors, Visits of Courtesy

6–15. Policy

It is DA policy to provide Military Funeral Honors for all present and former military personnel as follows:

a. Active duty soldiers and retirees. Full Military Funeral Honors, consisting of a 9–member team (6 pallbearers and/or firing party, a chaplain, and officer and/or NCO in charge, and a bugler (if available)). The team serves as pallbearers and the firing party, folds and presents the American flag to the next of kin, and plays “Taps.” A member of the decedent’s parent military Service will present the flag. Military Funeral Honors for retirees is the same as for active duty soldiers (resources permitting). Medal of Honor recipients will receive full military honors regardless of status.

b. Veterans. All veterans are entitled to a service detail consisting of at least 2 uniformed military members, at least 1 of whom will be from the parent service of the veteran. The team will fold the American flag and the parent Service representative will present it to the next of kin. Also, every effort will be made to obtain a live bugler to play “Taps.” Otherwise, the team will play “Taps” using an electronic recording.