

23 June 2020
Willamette National Cemetery

A special Memorial was conducted today that honored the service and memories of some 165 military veterans. These were the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and US Coast Guard veterans who had passed and were interred at Willamette National Cemetery over approximately the past two years. Because of Covid, they had not received the usual honors and recognition of family in attendance for military funeral ceremonies.

Willamette National Cemetery had, in the times preceding pandemic disruption, set aside each 4th Thursday of the month for recognition of passed veterans that had no known family to attend final military funeral ceremonies. The families of these veterans therefore became groups such as members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and neighbors and various friends. All these memorials for vets with no families were discontinued during the times of pandemic.

Now that pandemic has substantially subsided, the fourth Thursday of each month will once again be set aside for those vets with no known family. Those organizations mentioned above will again become the families of those with none.

Flag Folding Ceremony
Bugler for Taps
Rifle Volley
Chaplain
Director of Service

Designated Site Honor Guard
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A. L. Honor Guard. Michael Wilson, Jimmy Hale and Julie Kollas
Chaplain Jerry Craig
Sarah Platt