

Military Burials

- Color Guard – active duty personnel provided by the government to honor the deceased.
- Honor Guard – retired military personnel who volunteer their time to honor the deceased.

Honor guards are provided in Tiffin and the surrounding area by the

United Veteran's Council
c/o Jim Roberts
110 Circular St.
Tiffin, OH 44883 419-448-0740

There is a short ceremony, usually at the cemetery, which includes the presenting of the flag to the widow or children of the deceased. It includes a 21 gun salute and the shells are also presented to the family.

If the interment takes place on a date other than the funeral date, the flag ceremony can be done at the funeral. If the family desires an honor guard at the cemetery, no additional flag will be presented. The Local Veteran's organizations may give a 21 gun salute at the interment. The United Veteran's Council of Seneca County will provide this service.

To order an honor guard from the United Veterans Council, call Faye Sims at 419-447-5989

- What does the government give a veteran in regards to a marker?

The United States government provides headstones and markers for the graves of veterans and eligible dependents anywhere in the world which are not already marked. Flat bronze, flat granite, flat marble and upright marble types are available to mark the grave of a veteran or dependent in the style consistent with existing monuments at the place of burial. Bronze niche markers are also available to mark columbaria in national cemeteries used for internment of cremated remains. For more information, see the Department of Veterans Affairs web site for the National Cemetery System at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

To obtain a plaque provided by the United States Veteran Services contact:

Seneca County Veteran's Services Office
920 East CR 20
Tiffin, OH 44883-8990
419-447-2885

Tara Balliet, Veteran Service Officer
J. M. "Mac" McAuliffe, Veteran Service Officer
Matthew Prenzlin, Veteran Service Officer

The Veteran's office will require form DD214 if the deceased served in the Korean War or subsequent to it. For anyone who served in WWII, a copy of the separation form is required.

The Veteran's Services Office will provide you with an order form to place your order for the type of marker that you desire.

If you unable to find the DD214 or the separation papers, it is possible that they may have been filed at the Seneca County Recorder's Office: 419-447-4434. In Ohio, you can also contact the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs: 614-466-5453. You can also contact the Military Record Personnel Center in St. Louis, MO. 314-801-0800.