

# Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery

## Military Funeral Honors "Honoring Those Who Served"

The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors. "Honoring Those Who Served" is the title of the DOD program for providing dignified military funeral honors to Veterans who have defended our nation.

Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible Veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony, to include folding and presenting the United States burial flag\* and the playing of Taps. The law defines a military funeral honors detail as consisting of two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the Veteran's parent service of the armed forces. The DOD program calls for funeral home directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veterans' family.

The cemetery staff can assist funeral homes and families by providing the telephone numbers for the Military Funeral Honors contacts.

In the event there is not a funeral director involved in making arrangements please refer to the telephone numbers listed below or contact your local American Legion or VFW.

### Notes:

Honor Guard Units will require a copy of the Veterans discharge, or equivalent documentation. *For help obtaining a copy of a Veterans discharge please contact your local VA office or try online help at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>*

\*Honor Guards do not provide the burial flag. You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you obtain the flag.

Please notify the cemetery in advance if a flag is unavailable 607-379-0197.

<b>Army &amp; National Guard Veteran</b>	<b>Air Force Veteran</b>	<b>Marine Corps Veteran</b>	<b>Navy Veteran</b>	<b>Coast Guard Veteran</b>
<hr/> <b>Horseheads</b> 607-661-5056 <hr/> <b>Rochester</b> 585-783-5356 <hr/> <b>Syracuse</b> 315-438-3302 <hr/>	315-233-2515 716-236-3182 518-344-2586	866-826-3628 703-432-9524	<b>Phone</b> 860 694-3475 <hr/> <b>Fax</b> 860 694-3699 <hr/>	<b>All Counties</b> 216-902-6269 216-902-6117

If you cannot contact the above numbers, call 518-272-3557