

**The objective of the Meriden Antique Veterans is to provide Military Funeral Honors to all eligible beneficiaries**

**Rendering Military Honors reflects the high regard and respect accorded to military service and demonstrates military professionalism to the United States and the World.**



# **VETERANS BURIAL CEREMONIES**

**The Antique Veterans will accord Military Funeral Honors for our comrades that have honorably served and have passed.**





All services are coordinated and set up through your funeral home. They will arrange for graveside honors by the Meriden Antique Veterans.

We are a volunteer organization. There are no charges for our services, and although donations are greatly appreciated they will not be solicited.

## Military Honors Provided

- Uniformed members participate forming an appropriate flag line including the American flag with an Honor Guard, a POW/MIA flag, a Service flag of the deceased and often additional flags.
- A Rifle Squad will fire a three round volley three times. The Bugler will then play taps.
- Two flag folders for the casket flag. The two members ceremoniously fold the flag with three spent cartridges placed inside. The remaining rounds are placed inside a velvet bag. Both are then respectfully presented to the designated family member.
- Combatants receive graveside recognition with inverted rifle, bayonet and helmet. For the Navy and Coast Guard, the sounding of Eight Watch Bells.



The founding of the Antique Veterans was in the Spring of 1996. All members are Honorably Discharged Veterans. Since that date we have preformed well over 1800 services for our fallen Veterans.

The Antique Veterans also often respond to requests to participate in parades, patriotic events, speaking at schools, visiting nursing homes and other civic events.

For more information as well as biographies of our members, please go to [www.CityofMeriden.com](http://www.CityofMeriden.com). Hover over City Services and click below on Senior Center > Meriden Antique Veterans. You can also find us on Facebook or please feel free to contact us:

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