

AIR FORCE MORTUARY AFFAIRS

The Air Force will be assisting you with burial arrangements. These are professionals who care for our service members with honor, dignity and respect, and are here to carry out the desires of the family. All efforts will be made to accommodate your wishes. The Mortuary Affairs personnel will be your liaison with the funeral home and the National Cemetery System, and will also coordinate appropriate military funeral honors.

Your Mortuary Affairs representative will be briefing you on the following benefits. Please feel free to ask questions regarding:

- Funeral and burial benefits
- Memorial service arrangements
- Military funeral honors
- Headstone and memorial marker program
- When applicable, benefits in the event the remains are not recovered.

Mortuary Affairs Officers are sensitive to all those who feel the loss, but they must also defer to the one individual who, by law, is authorized to make certain decisions. Those decisions include burial and disposition of all personal effects as directed by the next of kin or person authorized to direct disposition.

A Summary Court Officer will be appointed by the service member's commander. This individual will inventory, safeguard and deliver as directed by the next of kin all personal effects.

Rely on your Mortuary Officer for information and assistance. If you have questions, you may call: Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, USAF Mortuary Affairs at 1-800-531-5803.