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FROM: AF/A1S
1040 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1670

SUBJECT: Professionalism in the Installation Honor Guard Mission

The Air Force has a solemn obligation to ensure the Military Funeral Honors mission is fulfilled with dignity and respect for our fallen Airmen and their families. Installation Honor Guard members make many personal and professional sacrifices to accomplish this sensitive, high-visibility responsibility. I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the men and women serving in our installation Honor Guard programs.

I ask for your support in reminding wing commanders to emphasize that the extremely visible nature of the Honor Guard mission demands the highest levels of professionalism at all times. Installation Honor Guard members must be attuned to every detail while performing dignified transfers and military funeral honors ceremonies. Whether transporting a casket, performing firing party duties, or folding and presenting the flag, ceremonial functions must be well rehearsed and crisply executed. Additionally, Honor Guard members must be situationally aware at all times, keeping in mind that their actions will be scrutinized before, during, and after a ceremonial event by all in attendance. Basically, they are never "off the stage" when performing their Honor Guard duties, and their words and actions must bring credit to both our service and our country at all times and in all places.

Please refer questions regarding installation Honor Guard programs to the AFMAO Honor Guard office at 1-800-531-5803 or via email at afmao.ma@us.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eden J. Murrie".

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