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MEMORANDUM FOR: Coalition Forces Land Component Command ATTN: C4
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SUBJECT: USCENTCOM MORTUARY AFFAIRS POLICY AWARENESS (U)

REF:

- A. JP 4-06, 5 June 06 Mortuary Affairs in Joint Operations (U)
- B. USCENTCOM Reg 638-1 05 Mar 07 Mortuary Affairs Support (U)
- C. USCENTCOM OPORD 08-007 Mortuary Affairs Command and Control Mar 08 (U)
- D. USCENTCOM CCJ4 Message DTG 141707Z Transportation and Timeline Guidance for Human Remains Jan 08

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to emphasize ensuring human remains movement is executed in a timely manner within the USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR).
2. CENTCOM recognizes the need for units to honor their fallen heroes with local ceremonies; however, unit ceremonies should not be conducted when there is a direct effect on the timely movement of remains from the AOR. Local ceremonies should occur prior to, or in conjunction with, the scheduled departure of human remains from a Mortuary Affairs Collection Point (MACP) to the strategic airlift hub or Theater Mortuary Evacuation Point (TMEP).
3. The most expeditious movement from the AOR to Dover Port Mortuary (DPM) ensures remains are prepared for air movement within 4 hours of receipt at an MACP and moved from the MACP to the strategic airlift hub within 24 hours from receipt at the MACP. Normally, movement of human remains from the MACP to the strategic airlift hub occurs within 12 hours of receipt at an MACP. For remains originating in Afghanistan, Air Mobility Division coordinates with the Tactical Airlift Control Center (TACC) to determine and schedule the optimal combination of intra-theater and / or inter-theater airlift assets to meet HR movement timeline requirements.
3. My Point of Contact for all Mortuary Affairs matters is the Joint Mortuary Affairs Officer, Major Shawn Campbell, DSN 312-651-2652, campbes@centcom.mil.


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