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REGULATION
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Deceased Personnel
MORTUARY AFFAIRS SUPPORT

1. PURPOSE. This regulation stipulates policy required for Mortuary Affairs (MA) support in the Headquarters United States Central Command (HQ USCENCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR).
2. APPLICABILITY. The provisions apply to HQ USCENCOM components and United States (US) Department of Defense (DOD) Forces operating within the geographic area during peace and contingency operations. For commonly used language in MA see Appendix C, "Mortuary Affairs Operational Terms", and Appendix D, "Mortuary Affairs Acronyms".
3. REFERENCES. See Appendix A.
4. CONCEPTS

a. Peacetime. When not supporting a named contingency and as directed by the Commander, USCENCOM (CDRUSCENCOM), MA operations will be conducted in accordance with the Current Death Program as outlined in Army Regulation (AR) 638-2, "Care and Disposition of Remains and Disposition of Personal Effects".

b. Contingency Operations. When supporting a named contingency and as directed by the CDRUSCENCOM, MA operations will be conducted in accordance with the Concurrent Return Program as outlined in AR 638-2.

5. POLICIES

a. Fallen Warrior/Human Remains (HR) Transfers: The following policies have been established in order to maximize preservation of remains and ensure the most expeditious repatriation of fallen service members.

(1) Theater Commanders must utilize the first airlift mission provided by the Air Mobility Division and may not withhold the request of HR evacuation airlift for any reason.

(2) HR will not be moved from refrigeration/storage for any reason other than immediate evacuation unless directed by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner (AFME), HQ USCENCOM Joint Mortuary Affairs Office (JMAO), or the Theater Mortuary Affairs Offices (TMAO).

(3) HR transfers to evacuation aircraft will only be conducted by MA and aerial port personnel unless otherwise coordinated through the USCENCOM JMAO or TMAO personnel.

*This regulation supersedes CCR 638-1, 6 Feb 13. (See "Summary of Changes" on page 12.)

(4) Transfer observances will only occur during the final movement of HR directly from storage to the evacuation aircraft.

(5) Transfer observances will not delay scheduled evacuation missions, flightline operations, or interfere with MA operations.

(6) Personnel in observance of HR transfers may show their respect by providing a silent salute as the TC passes directly from storage to the evacuation aircraft.

(7) Video and/or photos of HR (or TC containing HR) are strictly prohibited. This includes the movement from storage to the evacuation aircraft.

b. Memorial Ceremonies

(1) Memorial ceremonies with HR present are prohibited.

(2) Memorial ceremonies without HR present are the preferred method of allowing Service Members the opportunity to show their respects and grieve the loss of their fallen comrades. During memorials, Personal Effects (PE) to include ID tags, boots, helmet, etc. of the deceased member will not be used in order to preserve forensic evidence.

c. Flag Draping. During contingency operations, flag draping of Transfer Cases (TCs) from the AOR to the Port Mortuary at Dover Air Force Base (AFB), Delaware, is mandatory unless operational considerations dictate otherwise, or flags are not available. TCs containing remains of United States citizens will not be covered by any item other than the US flag unless determined to be operationally necessary by the aircraft load master. Flags will be secured to the TCs without damaging either the flag or TC, and without impeding access to the handles. Refer to the US Army Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC) for guidance on how to secure the flags to TCs. The TMEP and other evacuation locations will stock US flags with a 5-foot hoist by 9-foot 6-inch fly: NSN 4530-00-753-3232 (cotton). Flags in excellent condition will be returned by the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware to the TMEP for re-use. The load master is authorized to remove the flag from a TC during transport if mission requirements warrant it. The flag provided by the TMEP for the purpose of transport will not be presented to the family following the Dignified Transfer at the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware or at the place of final disposition.

d. Non-US Service Members

(1) US DOD Civilian Employees. HR of US DOD civilian employees will be processed and evacuated in the same manner as US Service Members.

(2) US Government Contractors. In accordance with DOD Reference d. and USCENCOM Reference d., HR of US DOD contractors who die while accompanying or supporting US Forces within the Operation Enduring Freedom area of operation will receive MA support in accordance with established contractual agreements. If the deceased member's employment contract authorizes airlift as a government furnished service, and the member's death occurred during the period of the contract, the parent company may formally request US MILAIR transportation from the CDDOC Director in coordination with the TMAO. The TMAO will compile and submit the request to CDDOC Director for approval on a USCENCOM Form 14. An example of the Form 14 request is included as Appendix B. Once approved, documentation will be forwarded to USCENCOM JMAO

for audit purposes. Government contractors must be a US civilian to receive US MILAIR evacuation to Dover Port Mortuary.

(3) US Citizens. In accordance with Title 10, U.S.C., Section 1486, subsections (a) (1)-(6), the DOD is authorized to furnish transportation of HR for specific groups of US Citizens on a reimbursable basis. Subsection (a) (5) of the reference extends transportation to any US citizen upon the specific request of the Department of State. In accordance with DOD Reference d. and USCENTCOM Reference d., US Embassy officials may formally request US MILAIR transportation from the CDDOC Director in coordination with the TMAO. The TMAO will compile and submit the request to CDDOC Director for approval on a USCENTCOM Form 14. An example of the Form 14 request is included as Appendix B. Once approved, documentation will be forwarded to USCENTCOM JMAO for audit purposes.

(4) Coalition Forces. Remains of coalition forces will receive MA support based on the Acquisition Cross Service Agreement (ACSA) and Lift and Sustain agreements established between the US and the associated country. In accordance with those agreements, and upon request, MACPs and/or the TMEP will prepare the HR of coalition forces for evacuation.

(a) When handling coalition HR, MA personnel must document all actions and MA assets used. The method of reimbursement for Human Remains Pouches (HRP), TCs, and transportation costs (if applicable) will be based on agreements identified in the ACSA and coordinated on a case by case basis. Coalition representatives will advise the MACP/TMEP if there are specific cultural sensitivity requirements that need to be met while preparing the HR for evacuation.

(b) Intra-theater airlift for deceased coalition personnel will be provided on an opportune and non-interference basis in accordance with established cooperative airlift agreements between the US and the coalition country. When authorized, MILAIR will be used to evacuate HR to a routine location coordinated with the TMAO, CDDOC, CCJ5-CCC/Coalition Air Operations, and HQ USCENTCOM Distribution Division (CCJ4-D).

(c) Upon the completion of evacuation, coalition HR will be turned over to their respective governments. Coalition personnel will ensure their respective governments are prepared to receive and provide follow-on transfer to the final place of disposition.

(5) Foreign National Civilians. Remains of foreign national civilians and detainees will be handled in accordance with existing international laws and the laws of the Geneva Convention.

e. MILITARY WORKING DOGS (MWDS). Local veterinarian units will handle canines that die in the line of duty within the USCENTCOM AOR. If co-mingled with HR, canine remains will be evacuated to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware for AFME DNA analysis and separation. See USCENTCOM Message MOD 4 to USCENTCOM Policy, DTG 1521116Z JUN 11, for further guidance on the disposition of MWD remains.

f. Escorts

(1) The official escort mission begins at the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware and continues to the final place of disposition. For HR evacuations originating from within the USCENTCOM AOR, escort duties are delegated to the aircraft (or ship) commander. As such, additional escorts are not required. However, HQ USCENTCOM has approved exceptions for HR

escorts for Special Operations Forces (SOF) and Next-of-Kin (NOK) and has delegated the Director, CENTCOM Deployment Distribution Operation Center (CDDOC) as the approval authority for escort requests of this type.

(a) Exception 1. Special Operations Forces (SOF). One SOF escort per HR may accompany fallen Service Members through the evacuation channels to Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware, provided their accompaniment does not delay the movement of HR.

(b) Exception 2. Next-of-Kin (NOK) deployed in the AOR. The Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) will determine eligible NOK escorts.

(2) For SOF and NOK: requests will be submitted in writing from the first O-6 in the chain of command to the TMAO and forwarded to the CDDOC Director for approval. Personnel wishing to travel to Dover AFB, or to other CONUS locations to attend services, are considered unit representatives not escorts.

(3) Unit Representatives. Unit Commanders will determine appropriate unit representation at funerals and/or memorials. Commanders wishing to appoint unit representatives to escort HR from the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware, to the place of final disposition may request concurrent transportation with the HR out of the AOR through the CDDOC on a space available and non-interference basis only. Transportation of the unit representative may not necessarily be in conjunction with the transportation of the HR. The assigned unit must arrange all logistical support for the representative's departure/return to the parent organization and place of final disposition. Unit representatives must have official travel orders before departure from AOR. If not, they may not receive reimbursement for expenses paid out of pocket.

(4) US Contractor Representatives. The contracted company will arrange all logistical support for escorting representatives, if desired. If authorized MILAIR, transportation of the escorting representative may not necessarily be in conjunction with the transportation of the HR. The escorting representative will take possession of the HR upon arrival at the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware. See CCR 638-1, paragraph 5.d. (2) for more information regarding the use of MILAIR for the purpose of transporting contractor remains.

(5) Coalition Military. Escorts for coalition military HR will be authorized in accordance with the Acquisition Cross Service Agreements (ACSA) and Lift and Sustain agreements established between the US and the associated country. HQ USCENTCOM JMAO approval is only required for coalition escort requests where preexisting agreements do not exist. For more information regarding the movement of coalition HR refer to CCR 638-1, paragraph 5. d. (4).

(6) Refer to USCENTCOM Reference a. "Mortuary Affairs Escort and Approved Exceptions" for additional guidance regarding HR escorts.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. HQ USCENTCOM will:

(1) Designate the subordinate component command (or activity) as the Lead Service (LS) to manage MA support in the AOR in accordance with Joint Publication (JP) 4-06, "Mortuary Affairs", service regulations and HQ USCENTCOM policy.

(2) In coordination with the LS, determine when to transition between the Current Death Program and the Concurrent Return Program based on contingency operations.

(3) During contingency operations ensure that the Mortuary Affairs Reporting and Tracking System (MARTS) is operational and used by all MA sites.

(4) Advise the LS and TMAO on MA policy and operations.

b. Component Commands will:

(1) Ensure subordinate commanders comply with theater MA policies and procedures.

(2) Ensure subordinate commanders can perform unit level MA operations.

(3) Designate a primary and alternate Mortuary Affairs Officer (MAO) by memorandum or other official document. Provide contact information of both the primary and alternate MAO to the LS, TMAO and USCENTCOM JMAO. Appointees must attend the first available MAO course at the JMAC, Fort Lee, Virginia upon assignment.

(4) Ensure that the Mortuary Affairs Reporting and Tracking System (MARTS) is operational and used by all MA sites.

(5) Use available resources to conduct MA operations. In the event MA resources are not available or sufficient, notify the TMAO to request assistance.

(6) Develop standard operating procedures (SOP) that specify how subordinate units will conduct MA operations during contingency operations. The SOP must address actions units are to perform in the event of a mass fatality and aircraft recovery procedures in both contaminated and non-contaminated environments.

(7) Ensure HR transfers are not delayed or interfered with for any reason.

(8) Ensure HR transfers do not interfere with other flightline operations unless it is an operational necessity.

(9) Ensure subordinate commanders do not withhold the request of HR evacuation airlift for any reason.

(10) Provide MA services at the local level by regional Service mortuaries or through established Service contracts in the USCENTCOM AOR in accordance with JP 4-06, "Mortuary Affairs Program" and Service directives.

(11) Develop plans in support of contingency operations involving fatalities in the USCENTCOM AOR. Plans will be in accordance with CJCSM 3130.03 Adaptive Planning and Execution (APEX) Formats and Guidance (Annex D, Appendix 3). Plans will specify when and where all mortuary facilities will be established and their projected capabilities.

c. CDDOC Director will:

(1) Assist TMAO with transportation requests in order to maximize preservation of remains and ensure the most expeditious repatriation of fallen service members.

(2) Serve as approval authority for US MILAIR transportation and evacuation of US government contractors, US citizens, escorts, unit representatives, coalition forces and non-US civilian personnel in accordance with CCR 638-1, paragraph 5.d.

d. USARCENT will:

(1) Serve as the LS for MA under the Concurrent Return Program unless otherwise directed by the CDRUSCENTCOM. As the LS USARCENT will:

(a) Execute MA operations including those duties exceeding normal peacetime capabilities, such as responding to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) attacks.

(b) Coordinate with HQ USCENTCOM JMAO to establish MA processing facilities which include a TMAO, Theater Personal Effects Depot (TPED), Theater Mortuary Affairs Evacuation Point (TMEP) and a Mortuary Affairs Contaminated Remains Mitigation Site (MACRMS) based on MA operational requirements.

(c) Report as directed to HQ USCENTCOM JMAO on the force structure requirements to support MA operations.

(d) Conduct annual inspections of MA units assigned to the USCENTCOM AOR to identify program deficiencies and follow up to ensure corrective actions are taken.

(e) Ensure units participating in contingency operations are informed of theater MA policies and procedures and are able to conduct established unit level MA operations.

(f) Coordinate with the USAMAA-E to obtain point of contact information for MA support when the USAMAA-E is used as the servicing mortuary.

(g) Ensure TMAO publishes daily reports detailing the status of decedents' HR and PE. Message traffic is confidential until PADD has been notified; at which point it becomes unclassified, for official use only (FOUO).

(h) Ensure TMAO provides HQ USCENTCOM JMAO a monthly update (theater roll-up) detailing the total number of deaths in the AOR for that month and the overall capability and status of the TMEP, MACPs, and if applicable, MACRMS personnel/equipment. In addition, include an explanation of any deficiency and status of actions required for correction.

(2) When not designated LS, USARCENT will continue to function as the Executive Agent (EA) for MA and carry out duties as prescribed in DoDD 1300.22E, "Mortuary Affairs Policy", and DoDD 5101.1, "DoD Executive Agent".

e. USAFCENT

(1) In accordance with the US Air Force (USAF) Responsibilities outlined in the JP 4-06 will:

(a) Maintain a trained MA force structure capability to provide support for its units.

(b) Appoint a member to serve on the Central Joint Mortuary Affairs Board (CJMAB).

(c) Provide and maintain the capability to evacuate the deceased of all Services from OCONUS theaters to the specified DOD mortuary.

(d) Operate and maintain a port-of-entry mortuary within the continental United States (CONUS) and as required, establish other CONUS port-of-entry mortuaries in support of all Services.

(2) Serve as the LS under the Current Death Program unless otherwise directed by CDRUSCENTCOM. As the LS, USAFCENT will:

(a) Execute MA support in accordance with Air Force Instruction 34-242, "Mortuary Affairs Program".

(b) Publish daily reports for each movement of HR detailing the status of decedents' remains and effects until they have been delivered to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware. Message traffic is confidential until PADD has been verified and notified at which point it becomes unclassified, for official use only (FOUO).

(c) Provide HQ USCENTCOM JMAO a monthly update (theater roll-up) detailing the total number of deaths in the AOR for that month and the overall capability and status of the MA facilities. In addition, include an explanation of any deficiency and status of actions required for correction.

f. US Naval Forces Central Command (USNAVCENT) will:

(1) During contingency operations, USNAVCENT commanders afloat will evacuate all US HR to the TMEP or nearest MACP. The TMEP (or MACP) will evacuate HR to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware. If unable to evacuate HR due to operational constraints, USNAVCENT will work with the TMAO on an acceptable means of movement for HR to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware.

(2) Ensure HR are properly stored, comply with governing procedures, and keep the LS, TMAO and HQ USCENTCOM JMAO informed of movement activity.

(3) Under the Current Death Program, USNAVCENT will follow Service regulations for the process and evacuation of HR while afloat. Notify and provide USAFCENT information on HR status.

g. TMAO will:

(1) During contingency operations, provide MA support, Fallen Hero tracking, guidance and manage MA operations and assets within the USCENTCOM AOR under the supervision of USARCEN.

(2) Coordinate flight travel for Fallen Heroes by utilizing the first airlift mission provided by the Air Mobility Division. Coordinate transportation of HR from originating collection point or TMEP through Ramstein AFB or Frankfurt International Airport, Germany for re-icing and onward movement to final destination.

(3) Submit HR joint movement request via the “Intra-theater Airlift Request System (ITARS)” upon notification from MACP. The ITARS request establishes the requirement for airlift and is used to justify scheduling the remains movement from the AOR back to Dover AFB. If the ITARS request is missing information, it should be submitted as-is and the TMAO will communicate with the CDDOC to keep them updated as data becomes available.

(4) Conduct quarterly inspections MA assets assigned within HQUSCENTCOM AOR to identify MA program, operational, and safety deficiencies. Follow up to ensure corrective actions are taken and report information to HQ USARCENT and HQ USCENTCOM JMAO.

(5) Assist USARCENT in developing contingency plans in support of operations involving fatalities in the HQ USCENTCOM AOR.

(6) Provide HQ USARCENT and USCENTCOM JMAO daily reports detailing the status of decedents' HR and PE that includes nationality, case number, and evacuation status from the point of origin to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware. Message traffic is confidential and limited to qualified personnel until PADD has been verified and notified as which point it becomes unclassified, for official use only (FOUO).

(7) Provide HQ USARCENT and HQ USCENTCOM JMAO a monthly update (theater roll-up) detailing the total number of Fallen Heroes in the AOR for the given month, the total number of PE processed for the given month the overall capability, and supply status of the all MA assets the HQ USCENTCOM AOR.

(8) In countries operating under the Current Death Program, the TMAO will work with the appropriate US Embassy or Consulate to coordinate casualty procedures and evacuation.

h. Theater Mortuary Evacuation Point (TMEP) will:

(1) Provide general support in the reception and evacuation of all HR. Upon receipt at the TMEP, remains will be processed and stored in refrigerated units until onward movement is available. TMEP personnel are responsible for conducting quality control procedures to ensure all data collected by the MACP is complete, accurate, and forwarded with each HR.

(2) Strive to achieve the HQ USCENTCOM goal for HR to arrive at the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware, within 48 hours after arrival at the TMEP. The TMEP will notify the TMAO or HQ USCENTCOM JMAO if strategic airlift cannot be scheduled to evacuate HR from the TMEP or designated inter-theater hub within 24 hours of their arrival at the facility. In accordance with Joint Pub 4-06 Chapter VI, Para 4.E.5.C.4.; remains should not be held at the TMEP for more than 24 hours in order to minimize decomposition, preserve forensic evidence, and expedite return of remains to the family.

(3) Place Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags on each transfer case to track HR during evacuation.

(4) In countries operating under the Concurrent Return Program, MACPs and/or the TMEP will serve as the primary means of processing and evacuating deceased US Service Members, US

Federal Civilians, Contractors and Coalition Forces from the place of death to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware.

i. Mortuary Affairs Collection Point (MACP) will:

(1) Process and evacuate HR for those authorized MA services in accordance with DOD Reference a. and d.

(2) Ensure remains are processed and prepared for evacuated as quickly as possible, using air transport, when available, retrograde convoys, to the TMEP, or onward movement.

(3) Notify the TMAO, or if unavailable, USCENTCOM JMAO if intra-theater airlift cannot be scheduled to evacuate remains from the MACP to the TMEP within 12 hours of arrival.

(4) MACPs transporting HR directly to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware, notify the TMAO (or if unavailable, USCENTCOM JMAO) if inter-theater airlift cannot be scheduled to evacuate remains within 12 hours of arrival.

(5) Institute formal chain of custody procedures. The MACP will establish chain of custody by documenting receipt and onward movement of remains in the Mortuary Affairs Reporting and Tracking System (MARTS). Use the DD Form 1075, Convoy List of Remains, to document the chain of custody from the MACP onward.

(6) Collection points are responsible for receiving, refrigerating, documenting, and evacuating HR and their associated PE. MACPs will contact the TMAO when HR are received for processing, at which time they will begin gathering preliminary identification information and inventory all PE recovered with the remains. HR must be refrigerated until they can be evacuated to the TMEP or loaded on an aircraft for onward movement.

j. Unit-Level personnel will:

(1) Conduct MA operations in compliance with JP 4-06, Chapter IV. MA support begins at the tactical unit level.

(2) Recover remains and associated PE of assigned personnel, including Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment (OCIE). Recovery of deceased personnel must be accomplished as soon as the operational environment permits safe recovery. Units unable to recover deceased personnel due to traumatic loss, loss exceeding unit capabilities or operational environmental factors will request additional Search and Recovery support from the TMAO.

(3) Place remains of deceased personnel inside HRP and transported along with their PE.

(4) Designate a member of the recovery team to accompany the remains to the medical facility who is prepared to provide tentative ID.

(5) Transport HR by the quickest means possible to the closest MACP or onward movement for processing and evacuation to Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware. If transportation of HR from the incident location or medical treatment facility cannot be accomplished within 4-hours of death, HR will be moved to an alternate location for cooling and proper preservation. Units will

notify the TMAO, and if necessary, request command assistance to transport HR to an MACP or onward movement. Reference the Unit Responsibility Section in JP 4-06, Chapter IV for more information.

(6) Prepare initial and supplemental personnel casualty reports in accordance with established service directives.

(7) Provide the TMAO relevant information related to a death (as applicable). The believed-to-be (BTB) identities of the deceased (name, grade, SSN, branch of service, and unit of assignment), estimated date, time, and place of the incident and apparent cause of death will not be discussed, displayed or announced publically for any reason. This information will only be shared with MA personnel and immediate commanders on a NEED-TO-KNOW basis. Positive identification is determined by AFME and notifications to next of kin are made through the casualty notification process.

(8) Maintain a stock of HRPs equal to 5% of their current manpower strength for units at Brigade, Regiment, and below. Division-level units and above, Combat Support, and Combat Service Support units will maintain a stock of HRPs equal to 2% of their current strength. Units responsible for maintaining Class IX stocks for the theater will maintain additional stocks of HRPs equal to 5% of the combined strength of the units they support. Units will ensure HRPs are secured, stored out of sight and issued for MA purposes only.

k. Senior Defense Officials (SDO) at U.S. Embassies will:

(1) Designate a primary and alternate MAO in writing. Provide contact information of both the primary and alternate MAO to the USCENCOM JMAO. Ensure MOA is properly trained in MA operations.

(2) Maintain updated copies of Joint and Service specific MA regulations, directives and guides.

(3) Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for local MA processes and evacuation. Provide a copy to HQ USCENCOM JMAO as updated.

1. U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity-Europe (USAMAA-E). When requested on behalf of HQ USCENCOM, USAMAA-E will guide and assist the LS and the TMAO on mortuary operations in the HQ USCENCOM AOR to include:

(1) Recovering and transporting HR from Ramstein AFB or Frankfurt International Airport, Germany to USAMAA-E facilities, in Landstuhl, Germany when shipped for processing.

(2) Advising appropriate agencies of the status of HR evacuated to USAMAA-E for processing.

(3) Coordinating transportation of HR from USAMAA-E to Ramstein AFB or Frankfurt International Airport, Germany for onward movement to final destination.

7. CONTAMINATED HUMAN REMAINS

a. HR contaminated from a CBRN incident will be processed at a MACRMS in accordance with published MACRMS procedures as listed in JP 4-06. The TMAO will develop and maintain a Mass Fatality Plan and contact the JMAC at Fort Lee, Virginia to ensure current MACRMS procedures are implemented. In the event of a delay, HR are to be held in cold storage until a MACRMS can be established.

b. Only those HR mitigated and containerized to a safe handling/transportation level will be transported back to CONUS. In the event HR cannot be mitigated sufficiently, the health and safety of the living will take precedence over the rapid repatriation of HR. Should it be necessary, contaminated HR will be temporarily stored or interred until a method can be developed to mitigate contamination and safely transport HR to a designated mortuary facility for final disposition.

c. CDRUSCENTCOM is authorized to approve temporary interment within the USCENCOM AOR in coordination with the Host Nation (HN); however this practice will only be used as a last resort. Upon approval, the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) will issue implementing procedures for this policy, per Under Secretary of Defense Memo, dated 28 MAR 2008.

8. REGULATORY CONFLICTS. If provisions of this regulation conflict with any US Service regulation, the conflict will be resolved between the respective Service's MA staff and the HQ USCENCOM JMAO.

9. PROPONENT. The proponent of this regulation is the USCENCOM Joint Mortuary Affairs Office (JMAO), Operations Division, Directorate of Logistics/Engineering. Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to: United States Central Command, Attn: CCJ4-O/JMAO, 7115 South Boundary Blvd, MacDill AFB, FL 33621-5101, SIPR email: CCJ4services@centcom.smil.mil; NIPR: CCJ4-Joint MAO@centcom.mil.

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“SUMMARY OF CHANGES”

The entire regulation was restructured to provide clearer direction and remove redundant guidance that exists in other publications. Substantive policy changes were incorporated to include guidance on memorial/ramp ceremonies and the movement of non-DOD HR. This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

Appendix A
REFERENCES

- a. USC (10USC1481), Title 10, "Recovery, care, and disposition of remains: decedents covered".
- b. Joint Publication 4-06, "Mortuary Affairs", dated 12 October 2011
- c. Department of Defense (DOD) 1300.22 "Mortuary Affairs Policy", dated 25 May 2011
- d. Deputy Secretary of Defense (DEPSECDEF) Memorandum, "Policy on Contaminated Human Remains", dated 28 March 2008.
- e. Deputy Secretary of Defense (DEPSECDEF) Memorandum, "Transportation of Remains on U.S. Military Aircraft", dated 07 December 2012.
- f. USCENTCOM Message, "Mortuary Affairs Escort and Approved Exceptions (Special Operations Forces (SOF) and Next-of Kin (NOK)", DTG: 251602Z MAY 11.
- g. USCENTCOM Message, MOD 4 to USCENTCOM MWD Policy, DTG: 152116Z JUN 11.
- h. USCENTCOM Memorandum, "Delegation of Authority to Approve Exception for Human Remains Escort", dated 8 March 2010.
- i. USCENTCOM Memorandum, "Delegation of Authority to Approve Transportation of Remains on U.S. Military Aircraft", dated 20 December 2012.
- j. Air Force Instruction (AFI) 34-242, "Mortuary Affairs", dated 2 April 2008.
- k. Army Regulation (AR) 683-2, "Care and Disposition of Remains and Disposition of Personal Effects", dated 22 December 2000.

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Appendix B
EXAMPLE USCENTCOM FORM 14

US CENTRAL COMMAND ACTION PROCESSING FORM							
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THRU:	TASKER TYPE: Correspondence Tracker				FINAL SUSPENSE DATE		
DISTRIBUTION							
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MOVE A US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) CONTRACTOR (MR. JOHN DOE) REMAINS ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT					ACTION		SIS SUSPENSE
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPROVAL	DATE
					<input type="checkbox"/>	SIGNATURE	STAFF SUSPENSE
					<input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATION	DATE
<p>ACTION SUMMARY:</p> <p>1. DISCUSSION. On (Date), the TMAO notified CCJ4-O/SSR of a US DoD contractor death that occurred in Afghanistan on XX XXX XXXX. The cause of death is listed as unknown pending AFME determination. The remains of Mr. John Doe are awaiting evacuation from BAF MACP. The contract company Jimmy's Government Group is requesting the remains of Mr. John Doe be evacuated to the Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware where a company representative will take control of the remains. Mr. Doe was a DoD employee (Contract#: WXXXX-XX-XXXX-XXXX). MILAIR package includes Company MILAIR Request, Letter of Authorization (LOA) Copy of Passport, CAC and DD Form 2064 (Overseas Death Certificate).</p> <p>NAME: Mr. John Doe SSN#: XXX-XX-1234 CITIZEN: US PASSPORT#: 123456789 EMPLOYER: Jimmy Government Group DOD SPONSORED CONTRACT: Yes CONTRACT#: WXXXX-XX-XXXX-XXXX CAUSE OF DEATH: Unknown Pending AFME Determination LOCATION OF DEATH: Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan ESTIMATED DATE/TIME OF DEATH: 16 Jan 2012 DATE/TIME ARRIVED AT MACP/TMEP: BAF MACP/16 Jan 2012</p> <p>2. ACTION REQUESTED. Recommend Director, CDDOC approve MILAIR request for US DoD Contractor.</p> <p>//SIGNED, DATE//</p>							
OFFICE	ACTION	NAME & DATE	EXT	OFFICE	ACTION	NAME & DATE	EXT
CDDOC	APPROVE						
TMAO	COORD						
ACTION OFFICER: TSgt Jane Doe, CDDOC M. DSN: 318-XXXX-XXXX, jane.doe@computer.xmil.mil							
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Appendix C
MORTUARY AFFAIRS (MA) OPERATIONAL TERMS

1. USCENTCOM AOR. This includes all states on the Arabian Peninsula; the Central South Asian and the Levant Region.
2. MA Operations. This operation includes search, recovery, tentative identification, care, processing and evacuation of HRs.
3. Mortuary Affairs Collection Points (MACP). Each MACP is capable of storing, processing and preparing remains for evacuation. MACPs are normally located at the logistic support areas.
4. Theater Mortuary Evacuation Point (TMEP). The TMEP is responsible for validating the documentation prepared at the MACP, completing any processing of the remains, and coordinating strategic airlift for evacuation of the remains to the servicing mortuary. A TMEP is typically located at a strategic Aerial Port of Embarkation/Debarcation (APOE/APOD).
5. Current Death Program. This program is used during peacetime operations. It may continue to be used during contingencies until the Concurrent Return Program is activated by the CDRUSCENTCOM. The program provides mortuary support to eligible personnel.
6. Concurrent Return Program. By direction of the USCENTCOM Commander or named contingency operation, USARCENT will function as LS. This program may operate simultaneously with the Current Death Program in different locations.
7. Person Authorized to Direct Disposition of Remains (PADD). The only person authorized to direct the disposition of remains. Contact the Service mortuary Office for specific guidelines.
8. Escort. An individual designated to accompany the remains of a deceased service member from the servicing mortuary to the final destination.

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Appendix D

MORTUARY AFFAIRS ACRONYMS

ACSA	Acquisition Cross Service Agreement
AFME	Armed Forces Medical Examiner
AOR	Area of Responsibility
APOE	Aerial Port of Embarkation
BTB	Believed-To-Be
CBRN	Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear
HRP	Human Remains Pouch
JMAC	Joint Mortuary Affairs Center
JMAO	Joint Mortuary Affairs Office
MA	Mortuary Affairs
MACP	Mortuary Affairs Collection Point
MACRMS	Mortuary Affairs Contaminated Remains Mitigation Site
MAO	Mortuary Affairs Officer
MARTS	Mortuary Affairs Reporting and Tracking System
MWD	Military Working Dog
NOK	Next-of-Kin
OCIE	Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment
PE	Personal Effects
PADD	Person Authorized to Direct Disposition
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
TC	Transfer Case
TMAO	Theater Mortuary Affairs Office
TMEP	Theater Mortuary Evacuation Point
USAMAA-E	United States Army Mortuary Affairs Activity-Europe
USCENTCOM	United States Central Command
USAFCENT	United States Air Force Forces Central Command
USARCENT	United States Army Central
USMARCENT	United States Marine Forces Central Command
USNAVCENT	United States Naval Forces Central Command