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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy # 34-00, Army Funeral Honors

1. REFERENCES.

- a. National Defense Authorization Act 2000.
- b. Public Law 106-65, Section 578.
- c. Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 75, Section 1491; Chapter 1213, Section 12501, 12502, and 12503; Chapter 1215, Section 12251 and 12552; Title 32, U.S. Code, Chapter 1, Section 101, 114, and 115; Chapter 55, Section 1074a and 1076a; Chapter 61, Section 1204 and 1206; Chapter 75, Section 1475 and 1481; Chapter 81, Section 1588; Chapter 1223, Section 12732 and 12733; and Title 37, U.S. Code, Chapter 7, Section 4401 and 435.
- d. Department of Defense Directive 1300.15, 30 September 1985, Military Funeral Support.
- e. AR 600-25, 16 May 1970, Salutes, Honors, and Visits of Courtesy.
- f. Messages, DA Washington DC//DAMO-ODO-M, 062125Z May 1998, subject: Army Funeral Honors and U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, P170639Z December 1999, subject: Military Funeral Honors.
- g. Fort Leonard Wood Casualty Area Command Funeral Support and Military Honors Standing Operating Procedure.

2. PURPOSE. To establish the command policy on the conduct of Army Funeral Honors within the Fort Leonard Wood Casualty Area Command.

3. GENERAL.

- a. Successful execution of the Army Funeral Honors Program is critical to the Army. Providing military burial honors continues to be a challenge, however, we must remain sensitive to this important mission and provide the maximum support possible to pay

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final tribute to those who have served honorably in the Armed Services. We must put forth every effort to ensure that all deserving veterans receive appropriate military funeral honors.

b. Commanders at all levels are responsible for ensuring that funerals are conducted in accordance with the highest possible standards. Special training programs shall be instituted at Garrison Command and each brigade to ensure those individuals selected or tasked to perform Army Funeral Honors are adequately prepared and that they are allowed sufficient time from other duties to prepare for this mission. The Officer or Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Army Funeral Honors Team or Service Representative Team shall conduct a map reconnaissance from the installation to the destination prior to the day of the funeral. A rehearsal for each funeral shall be conducted prior to departure of the team for the funeral site, and, whenever possible, at the funeral site. Army Funeral Honors Teams and Service Representative Teams shall arrive at the funeral site 1 hour prior to commencement of the services. Commanders and leaders shall perform a thorough safety risk assessment before each funeral honors mission and the Officer in Charge (OIC) or Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the Army Funeral Honors Team or Service Representative Team shall update safety risk assessments as conditions change.

c. Personnel of the Fort Leonard Wood Casualty Area Command Casualty Operations, Personnel Actions, Military Personnel Office shall receive military funeral honors requests; coordinate arrangements with family, funeral directors, and unit points of contact; and obtain command decisions on requests for exceptions to policy.

4. POLICY.

a. The funeral of a general officer or a civil functionary and the composition of funeral escorts for officials, sergeants major, command sergeants major, and officers shall be accomplished in accordance with AR 600-25.

b. To sustain our commitment to provide deceased active duty soldiers, retirees, and veterans the military funeral honors they so richly deserve, support shall be provided in the following categories to the extent indicated:

(1) Active duty soldiers and Medal of Honor recipients shall be provided a Funeral Honors Team (nine-soldier detail) to accomplish the following functions: OIC or NCOIC, as appropriate; chaplain; bugler; pallbearers; and firing party; if requested.

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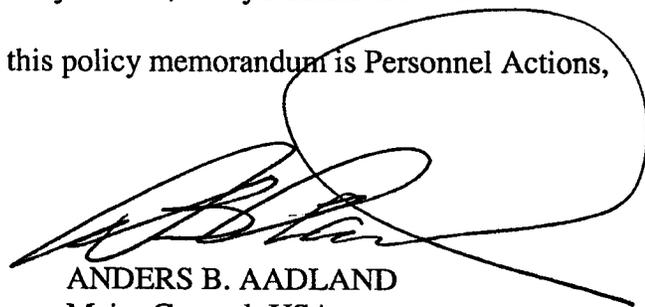
(2) Retirees shall be provided a Funeral Honors Team (nine-soldier detail) to accomplish the following functions: OIC or NCOIC, as appropriate; chaplain (if desired by next of kin); bugler (or substitute, civilian musician or tape recording when bugler is not available); pallbearers; and firing party; if requested and resources permit. Six of these soldiers shall have multiple functions in the ceremony serving as pallbearers, flag folders, and firing party (NCOIC with five soldiers firing). Whenever a Funeral Honors Team cannot be provided, retirees shall be provided a Service Representative Team of at least two members of the Armed Forces, one of whom shall be a member of the Armed Force of which the retiree was a member, to perform the ceremonial folding and presentation of the interment flag to the next of kin and playing of Taps.

(3) Veterans who have been honorably separated shall be provided a Funeral Honors Team consisting of at least two members of the Armed Forces, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Armed Force of which the veteran was a member. The Fort Leonard Wood CAC shall provide a Service Representative Team of two members to perform the ceremonial folding and presentation of the interment flag to the next of kin and playing of Taps.

(4) All requests for Army Funeral Honors shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the deceased soldier's service record (paying special attention to military decorations, service-related disabilities, former prisoner of war status, etc.), travel conditions, and the availability of resources at the time of the request.

5. SUPERSESSION. This command policy supersedes the policy memorandum, ATZT-CS, 25 June 1998, subject: Command Policy #37-98, Army Funeral Honors.

6. PROPONENCY. The proponent for this policy memorandum is Personnel Actions, Military Personnel Office, 596-0740.



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