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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1770.2A

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: FLAG OFFICER SUPPORT OF NAVY HONORS FOR COMBAT, COMBAT-RELATED, AND THEATER OF COMBAT CASUALTIES

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 1300.15 of 22 October 2007
(b) DoD Instruction 1300.18 of 8 January 2008

Encl: (1) Deceased Information Sheet

1. Purpose. To update policy and responsibilities for flag officer support of Navy honors for combat, combat-related, and theater of combat casualties, per references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1770.2.

3. Background. Navy has a long tradition of honoring and recognizing Sailors who are killed in action, die while directly supporting combat operations, or are wounded in action. The rendering of military funeral honors, as a final tribute on behalf of a grateful nation, and the prompt recognition of those who suffer combat or combat-related wounds are paramount.

4. Policy. A Navy flag officer shall represent the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in support of honors for casualties. A Navy flag officer shall:

a. Be present at the continental United States (CONUS) port of entry for the arrival of the remains of each Sailor killed in action, who dies directly supporting combat or who dies in a theater of combat and is eligible for dignified transfer;

b. Attend the funeral of each Sailor killed in action, each Sailor who dies directly supporting combat operations, and each Sailor who subsequently dies as a result of combat or combat-related wounds;

c. Present posthumous combat or combat-related awards and decorations in conjunction with funeral honors;

d. Present combat or combat-related awards and decorations to each Sailor wounded in action as soon as practicable following medical evacuation to CONUS; and

e. Be present as warranted in certain extraordinary circumstances.

5. Responsibilities

a. Director, Navy Staff (DNS) shall ensure that pending combat or combat-related awards and decorations are processed expeditiously to support:

(1) Presentation to the next of kin during funeral honors. DNS will ensure that the assigned flag officer has all applicable awards and decorations prior to the funeral; or

(2) Presentation to Sailors wounded in action as soon as practical following medical evacuation to CONUS. DNS will ensure that combat or combat-related awards are presented by an appropriate flag officer at bedside for hospitalized Sailors.

b. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery shall keep DNS; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Navy Casualty Assistance (N135C); and other appropriate offices informed about the timeline for the return of remains and medical evacuation of wounded Sailors to CONUS.

c. Commandant, Naval District Washington, or his or her designated flag representative, shall be present for the arrival of Sailor remains at Dover Air Force Base. Regional commanders, or their designated flag representatives, shall be present for the arrival of Sailor remains at other ports of entry, as applicable.

d. Chief of Naval Personnel shall designate a flag officer to attend the funeral of each Sailor killed in action, who dies directly supporting combat operations, who dies in a theater of combat or subsequently dies as a result of combat or combat-related wounds. The identification and designation of the appropriate flag officer will be based upon availability, generally following the sequence below:

(1) Flag officer in command of, or who possesses tactical or operational control over, the deceased member's unit;

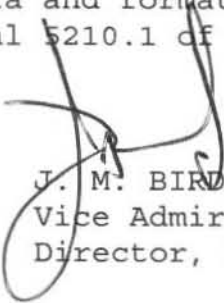
(2) Type commander, community leader, or designated flag representative; or

(3) Regional commander or CNO duty flag officer depending on the burial location.

e. Flag officers assigned to support funeral honors will contact OPNAV (N135C), which will provide a Deceased Information Sheet, enclosure (1), to the flag officer. OPNAV (N135C) will coordinate with the applicable regional casualty assistance calls officer or funeral honors program director, and assigned casualty assistance calls officer, to provide and obtain the necessary funeral information.

f. Travel expenses in support of funeral honors, or to present awards and decorations to wounded in action, will come from the affected flag officer's operating budget.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.


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Deceased Information Sheet

Date/Time: *Day of week, DD Month Year; Time (to-from)*

Event: *Funeral for Rank, Name (first and last), USN*

Location: *cemetery name, address*

(If at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC): Begin at (starting point) ANC, Burial Section XX, Plot number)

Guest's Attire: *Seasonal Service Dress Uniform (Officers, E-7 and above), Seasonal Service Dress Uniform (E-6 and below)/Business Suit*

Family Member Attendees: *Number of Immediate Family Members; state the number of other attendees (i.e., numerous attendees)*

Spouse – Name

Children – Name(s)

Father – Name

Mother – Name

Brothers/Sisters – Name(s)

GO/FO Attendees: *Rank Name, USN, Command (must be flag officer)*

Media: **YES or NO**

Weather: *Provide expected forecast conditions (i.e., partly sunny, high 64°F, Precip 0%)*

POC: *POC for funeral honors detail*

(If at ANC: Officer in Charge from Ceremonial Guard: (202) XXX-XXXX)

Sequence of Events:

Time: *Event*

Example:

1300 *Funeral begins*

1400 *Funeral ends*

Notes: *Attendees report 30 minutes prior. (Other notes as necessary)*

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(Insert photo if available)

Name and Rank, USN, Active Duty (age XX) was assigned to Name of Command. He (or she) died on DD Month Year as a result of Incident resulting in death of Service member. Location (example: Ayatollah Village, Afghanistan).

Rank/Last name was born on XX Month Year in Town, ST. Graduated from Name of High School in Town, ST. He (or she) graduated from name of college on XX Month Year. Name joined the United States Navy Location and date. Give basic information on Navy background (i.e. "A" school, officer training, other as appropriate).

Rank/Last name is survived by his (or her) spouse, children, parents, siblings' names and where they are from.

Include any other additional information that may be pertinent. Not to be a complete bio of the Service member, just a brief background.

Information can be acquired from the Personnel Casualty Report, Casualty Assistance Calls Officer assigned to the case, and obituary.