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This directive implements Department of Defense (DoD) Directive (DoDD) 1300.22E, *Mortuary Affairs Policy*; DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1300.15, *Military Funeral Support*; and DoDI 1344.08, *Interment Allowance for Deceased Military Personnel*. It outlines responsibilities and program requirements for Air Force Mortuary Affairs. All Air Force military and civilian personnel (includes Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard units and members) must comply with this publication. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR), by using AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. Waivers to this publication will not be granted. Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with (IAW) AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of IAW Air Force Records Information Management System Records Disposition Schedule.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This directive has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Major changes include organizational changes, and definition of roles and responsibilities.

1. Overview. The Air Force ensures the identification, care, disposition, and military honors for the deceased are provided, as well as the retrieval, protection, and disposition of the deceased's personal property during the sensitive time following a death.

2. Policy.

- 2.1. The Air Force will accord to surviving relatives every possible consideration within the limitations of existing statutes and applicable directives.
- 2.2. The Air Force will identify the individual remains of deceased personnel when possible.
- 2.3. The Air Force will provide mortuary services to satisfy requirements contained in the operational plans of the warfighting combatant commanders and as required by statute.

3. Roles and Responsibilities:

- 3.1. The Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force Manpower, Personnel & Services (AF/A1) is responsible for policy enforcement in implementing AF guidance, resource advocacy, and oversight of the Mortuary Affairs Program throughout the Air Force.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

DoDD 1300.22E, *Mortuary Affairs Policy*, 25 May 2011

DoDI 1300.15, *Military Funeral Support*, 22 October 2007

DoDI 1344.08, *Interment Allowance for Deceased Military Personnel*, 11 March 2009

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

DoD—Department of Defense

DoDD—Department of Defense Directive

DoDI—Department of Defense Instruction

IAW—In Accordance With

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility