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**From: Commander, Naval Medical Command
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To: All Ships and Stations

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1. **Purpose.** To carry out the Department of the Navy's Decedent Affairs Program (DAP). This instruction is a complete revision and should be read in its entirety. Symbols denoting deleted, revised, or added paragraphs are not reflected.

2. **Cancellation.** BUMED Instructions 5360.1D and 5360.21C.

3. **Scope.** The provisions of this instruction are applicable during peacetime, in times of war, and in support of major military operations. In a war or major military operation, the Current Death program will continue until the area commander determines that the Graves Registration (GR) program must be started. When GR becomes necessary, the procedures in FMFM 4-8 (NOTAL), Handling of Deceased Personnel in Theaters of Operations, are applicable to all naval forces. Additionally, this instruction:

a. Enumerates persons entitled to or eligible for one or more of the benefits of the Decedent Affairs Program.

b. Prescribes the extent and conditions under which benefits may be provided such persons.

c. Sets forth limitations on payments and reimbursements authorized for such benefits.

4. **Action**

a. Ensure that all appropriate personnel under your cognizance are made aware of the contents of this instruction, including appendices A through W, assuring that:

(1) Remains of all deceased personnel for whom the Department of the Navy is responsible are furnished required and authorized

services in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Navy and Marine Corps

(2) Surviving relatives are accorded the consideration and sympathy due them.

b. Use the provisions of this instruction in conjunction with the Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED), U.S. Marine Corps manuals, Naval Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN), Navy Regulations, Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), and other applicable directives pertaining to casualty reporting, casualty notification, casualty assistance calls programs, travel to burial sites, and burial honors. The objectives of the programs in this instruction are to assure:

(1) Immediate recovery and identification of deceased personnel.

(2) High standards of and uniformity in services provided.

(3) Minimum elapsed time between death and delivery of remains or cremains to the primary next of kin (PNOK).

(4) Prompt notification to the PNOK and secondary next of kin (SNOK) concerning matters applicable to the Decedent Affairs Program.

5. **Records Disposition**

a. When 2 years old or when purpose is served, whichever is earlier, destroy accumulated routine day-to-day general DAP records not pertaining to a specific case.

b. Apply appropriate item under SSIC 5360 of SECNAVINST 5212.5C to DAP policy records and records pertaining to specific cases.

6. **Reports.** In keeping with administrative workload reduction efforts, the reporting requirements listed below have been reviewed and are found to be current. These reports have been approved by the Chief of Naval Operations for 3 years from the date of this instruction

Symbol	Title	Requiring Paragraph(s)
MED 5360-1	Report of Burial in Navy Cemeteries or Plots	13-3
MED 5360-3	Report of Dispositions and Expenditures - Remains of Dead	11-7 15-5a & b
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7. Forms. Forms are available from the sources listed below:

a. The following forms are available from COG 11 stock points of the Navy Supply System and can be ordered per NAVSUP P-2002:

Form No.	Title	Stock No.
DD 565	Statement of Recognition (Rev. 8-84)	0102-LF-000-5650
DD 890	Record of Identification Processing - Effects and Physical Data (Rev. 1-58)	0102-LF-008-7920
DD 892	Record of Identification Processing - Skeletal Chart (Rev. 2-56)	0102-LF-008-7940
DD 893	Record of Identification Processing - Anatomical Chart (Rev. 2-56)	0102-LF-008-7950
DD 894	Record of Identification Processing - Fingerprint Chart (Rev. 2-56)	0102-LF-008-7960
DD 1149	Requisition and Invoice/Shipping Document (Rev. 3-59)	0102-LF-011-1801
DD 1155	Order for Supplies or Services/ Request for Quotation (Rev. 9-82)	0102-LF-011-3103
DD 1351-2	Travel Voucher or Subvoucher (Rev. 6-78)	0102-LF-013-2703

Form No.	Title	Stock No.
DD 1375	Request for Payment of Funeral and/or Interment Expenses (Rev. 4-87)	0102-LF-013-5302
DD 1384	Transportation Control and Movement Document (Rev. 4-66)	0102-LF-013-5700
DD 1387-2	Special Handling Data Certification (Rev. 6-86)	0102-LF-001-3877
DD 2064	Certificate of Death (Overseas) (Rev. 4-77)	0102-LF-002-0640

b. The following forms are available from the sources indicated:

Form No.	Title	Source
AF Form 507	Agreement for Interment (Rev. 8-76)	COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-332)
DA 2386-R	Agreement for Interment (Rev. 6-82)	Same as above.
DD 891	Record of Identification Processing - Dental Chart (Rev. 2-56)	Same as above.
DD 2062	Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Outside CONUS) (Rev. 4-84)	Same as above.
DD 2063	Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Within CONUS) (Rev. 4-87)	Same as above.
DD 2065	Disposition of Remains - Reimbursable Basis (Rev. 4-87)	COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-332)
VA Form 40-1330	Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker (Rev. 7-80)	Director, Monument Services, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC 20420
VA Form 21-8834	Application for Reimbursement of Headstone or Marker Expenses (Rev. 2-79)	Same as above.

c. The following forms are available from the Federal Supply System through normal supply procurement procedures:

Form No.	Title	National Stock No.
SF 88	Report of Medical Examination (Rev. 10-75)	7540-00-634-4038 (8 X 10 1/2) or 7540-00-753-4570 (8 X 21)

Form No.	Title	National Stock No.
SF 603	Dental Health Record (Rev. 10-75)	7540-00-634-4179
SF 603A	Dental Health Record (Continuation) (Rev. 10-75)	7540-00-577-5881

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Chapter 1 - Decedent Affairs Program

1-1. General. The Decedent Affairs Program (DAP) provides for search, recovery, identification, care, and disposition of remains of deceased persons for whom the Department of the Navy is responsible.

1-2. Departmental Responsibilities. The Secretary of the Navy has delegated administrative responsibilities as follows: "The Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations, is responsible, in conjunction with the Commandant of the Marine Corps as to matters pertaining to Marine Corps personnel, for the formulation and promulgation of policies, standards, procedures, and training material pertinent to the Decedent Affairs Program." Due to restructuring, this delegation of administrative responsibilities is vested in the Commander, Naval Medical Command (COMNAVMEDCOM).

1-3. Programs. In carrying out the responsibilities delegated in paragraph 1-2, the following programs have been established. These five programs may coexist.

a. Current Death Program. This program provides professional mortuary services, supplies, and related services incident to care and disposition of remains of persons eligible for these services by specific statute. Under this program, remains are shipped to a place designated by the primary next of kin for permanent disposition and the decedent's personal effects are shipped to the legal recipient. Although not a part of the Current Death Program, round-trip transportation to the burial site is authorized for family members of deceased active duty members under a program administered by CMC and COMNAVMILPERSCOM as outlined in paragraph 16-6b. The Current Death program is operational on a worldwide basis during peacetime and will continue outside areas of conflict during major military operations. It may also continue in areas of conflict depending on the logistical and tactical situation.

b. Graves Registration Program. The Graves Registration Program (GR or GRREG) provides for the search, recovery, evacuation (to a temporary cemetery or a mortuary), initial identification, disposition of personal effects found with each deceased, and burial of eligible deceased persons in temporary cemeteries. This program is only operational when authorized by the responsible commander during major military operations. When necessary, GR includes the establishment and maintenance of temporary burial sites. Operational details incident to graves registration procedures are contained in Marine Corps publication FMFM 4-8 (NOTAL), Handling of Deceased Personnel in Theaters of Operations.

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c. Concurrent Return Program

(1) This program, a combination of the Current Death Program and Graves Registration Program, may be activated during emergencies or major military operations when conditions and capabilities permit. It begins with the initial phase of the Graves Registration Program that provides for search, recovery, and evacuation of remains to a processing point. It ends with the Current Death Program that provides for identification and preparation of remains in a mortuary (central identification laboratory) and shipment, for permanent disposition, to final destination as directed by the PNOK. The Concurrent Return Program may be phased into either the Current Death Program or Graves Registration Program as the situation dictates.

(2) Remains buried in temporary cemeteries (under the Graves Registration Program or in emergencies) may be disinterred and evacuated under the Concurrent Return Program if conditions and capabilities permit.

d. Return of Remains Program. The Return of Remains Program can only be activated upon enactment of special legislation. This program provides for permanent disposition of remains of those persons buried in temporary cemeteries who could not be evacuated under the Concurrent Return Program. The special legislation could authorize the establishment of one or more permanent American cemeteries in the overseas area thereby giving the PNOK the option of having the remains buried therein or shipped to another place of the PNOK's choosing. Within Navy, the Commander, Naval Medical Command (COMNAVMEDCOM) will advise field activities of the activation of a Return of Remains Program.

e. Casualty Assistance Calls Programs

(1) General. Although Casualty Assistance Calls Programs (CACP) of the Navy and Marine Corps are not identified as part of the DAP, they are integrally related. Per NAVMILPERSCOMINST 1770.1 (NOTAL), Casualty Assistance Calls Program (CACP) Manual, the casualty assistance calls officer (CACO) helps the PNOK and SNOK with problems surrounding the death and provides information on such matters as:

- (a) Disposition of remains.
- (b) Death gratuity and unpaid pay and allowances.
- (c) Personal effects of deceased.

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(d) Settlement of decedent's estate (wills, bank accounts, property, savings bonds, commercial insurance, etc.).

(e) Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI).

(f) Applications for Veterans Administration (VA) survivors benefits, dependency and indemnity compensation or pension, social security benefits, etc.

(g) Shipment of household items.

(h) Travel of dependents to grave site and to permanent residence.

(i) Medical care.

(j) Exchange and commissary privileges.

(k) Employment and education.

(l) Application for Government headstone.

(m) Any other reasonable requests made by the PNOK and SNOK.

(2) Navy. The Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command (COMNAVMIIPERSCOM) administers the Navy CACP, acting for the Chief of Naval Personnel. Operational control has been delegated to Casualty Assistance Calls and Funeral Honors Support (CAC/FHS) program coordinators listed in appendix R. The CAC/FHS program coordinator for the areas within which the PNOK and SNOK reside designates an active duty commissioned officer or a well qualified senior enlisted member to act as the CACO. This help is provided through personal contact: the first PNOK call being made within 24 hours of death when the PNOK may well need help on such matters as military honors and memorial services in connection with the funeral. Disposition of remains instructions are obtained and provided, by message, to the appropriate command and COMNAVMEDCOM. Guidance for the CACO is in NAVMILPERSCOMINST 1770.1 (NOTAL), Casualty Assistance Calls Program (CACP) Manual. Reports of contact (Symbol NAVPERS 1770-1) are submitted to COMNAVMIIPERSCOM.

(3) Marine Corps. As outlined in MARCORCASPROC MAN (MCO P3040.4) (NOTAL), the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) administers the Marine Corps CACP. Following receipt of information that a Marine Corps member has died, and after personal PNOK notification, the CMC originates a letter to the PNOK concerning the various benefits that may be available and offering the aid of a

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casualty assistance calls officer (CACO) in these matters. Appropriate documents and application forms are provided by the CMC to the CACO. CACOs aid the PNOK, if desired, in the proper completion of all forms. CACOs submit a final report on casualty assistance to CMC.

1-4. Definitions

a. The 48 Contiguous United States. This term, in any form, includes the District of Columbia.

b. Port of Entry (POE). An activity designated to receive, reprocess, and arrange for transportation of remains originating in an overseas location (paragraph 9-1b refers) and to receive remains from naval activities in the 48 contiguous United States that are destined for an overseas location (paragraph 9-3c(1)(c) refers).

c. Primary Next of Kin (PNOK)

(1) Person most closely related to the decedent in the following order, who also has been determined to be entitled to direct disposition (MILPERSMAN 4210100 refers).

(a) Legal Spouse.

(b) Eldest child over age of majority.

(c) Father or mother.

1. The father if the parents are married at the time of disposition.

2. If the parents are separated or divorced, use discretion in deciding which parent should direct disposition, taking into consideration:

a. Identity of the parent who had custody of the deceased member at time of member's entry into the service.

b. Relevant information provided in enlistment papers and in member's Dependency Application/Record of Emergency Data (NAVPERS 1070/602) or Record of Emergency Data (DD 93).

c. Guidance from the senior medical officer or COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-332), if a decision cannot be made based upon the above factors.

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(d) Eldest brother or sister.

(e) Other blood relatives.

(2) For remains of prisoners of war or personnel missing in action for lengthy periods, flexibility is provided in determining the proper individual to direct disposition. Whenever possible, accept the family's selection of its representative to determine disposition. When a family is unable to agree, the disposition decision may be made by the available interested party highest in the following order of priority. This individual may waive that right in favor of the next interested party in the order of priority:

(a) The unremarried surviving spouse. The term surviving spouse does not include one who obtained a divorce from the decedent (at any time).

(b) Natural and adopted children (by age). The age of majority is 18 years. The rights of minor children will be exercised by their surviving parent or legal guardian.

(c) Parents.

(d) The remarried surviving spouse. The term remarried surviving spouse does not include one who obtained a divorce from the decedent (at any time) or who remarried before a finding of death per 37 United States Code (U.S.C.) 555.

(e) Other blood relatives by degree of sanguinity.

(f) A person standing in loco parentis to the decedent. If none of the above persons is available, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned may be deemed to have such standing.

d. Dependents

(1) Dependents of members of the uniformed services include:

(a) A spouse.

(b) Unmarried legitimate or illegitimate children, stepchildren, and adopted children:

1. Under 21 years of age. (When both parents are military members, the child will be considered the dependent of the parent having custody.)

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2. Over 21 years of age:

a. Incapable of self support due to a mental or physical incapacity and in fact dependent on the member for over one-half of their support, or

b. Attains the age of 21 while overseas accompanying the member sponsor.

3. Over 21 years of age but has not passed the 23rd birthday, and is:

a. In fact dependent on the member for over one-half of their support, or

b. A full-time student in an approved institute of higher learning, carrying a class load of a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or equivalent.

(c) Fathers and mothers of members if in fact dependent on the member for over one-half of their support and have been designated as dependents of the member in the member's service record. The term father or mother includes a stepparent or parent by adoption, and any other person, including a former stepparent, who has stood in loco parentis to the member for a continuous period of not less than 5 years during the minority of the member. A stepparent-stepchild relationship is deemed terminated by divorce of the stepparent and blood parent. However, such a relationship does not terminate upon the death of the blood parent.

(d) A parent-in-law of the member provided he or she is dependent on the member for over one-half of his or her support, resides with the member, and has been designated a dependent of the member in the member's service record.

(2) Dependents of civilian employees may include:

(a) A spouse.

(b) Unmarried legitimate or illegitimate children, stepchildren, adopted children, grandchildren, legal minor wards, and children in legal guardianship:

1. Under 21 years of age.

2. Over 21 years of age and incapable of self-support due to a mental or physical incapacity and in fact dependent on the employee for over one-half of their support.

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(c) Fathers and mothers of employees if in fact dependent on the employee for at least 51 percent of their support, resides with the employee, and have been provided travel at Government expense to the employee's place of employment. The term father and mother includes legally adoptive parents or stepparents who have stood in loco parentis to the employee at any time for a continuous period of not less than 5 years during the minority of the employee. Stepparent-stepchild relationships are terminated by divorce of the stepparent and blood parent. However, such relationships do not terminate upon the death of the blood parent.

(d) Brothers and sisters, including step and legally adoptive brothers and sisters. Generally, this category must be dependent on the sponsoring civilian employee for at least 51 percent of their support.

(e) A parent-in-law of the employee provided he or she is dependent on the employee for over one-half of his or her support, resides with the employee, and has been provided transportation at Government expense to the employee's place of employment.

e. Primary Expenses. Expenses incurred in connection with recovery, preparation, and encasement of remains, including but not limited to expenses incurred for recovery; removal; embalming; casket; shipping container; cremation; urn; clothing; and delivery of remains to a common-carrier terminal.

f. Secondary Expenses. Expenses incurred in connection with the funeral and burial of remains, including but not limited to those incurred for transportation (local) of relatives to the cemetery, single gravesite, vault, funeral director's services, clergyman's services, opening and closing grave, floral tribute, and obituary notices.

g. Memorial Services Expenses. Expenses incurred in connection with memorial services when remains of deceased naval members are nonrecovered.

h. MIN:CONSIDERED. Minimize Considered. A term used in connection with the release of naval messages to be transmitted by electrical means.

i. Cremains. The ashes of a cremated human body.

j. Secondary Next of Kin (SNOK). Unless otherwise designated in the deceased individual's records, the person in paragraph 1-4c (1) most closely related to the decedent after the PNOK. It should be noted that not everyone has an SNOK.

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1-5. Field Records. Each facility involved will maintain a record pertaining to the death and disposition of remains of each individual whose death occurs within its jurisdiction. When remains are removed from an overseas jurisdiction for care, the POE activity receiving remains and effecting reprocessing will maintain records concerning date and time functions are performed. Any documents not required to be forwarded to the Naval Medical Command will only be disposed of following SECNAVINST 5212.5C.

a. Prepare a DD 2063, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (appendix P), in each instance of death occurring within the 48 contiguous United States in which the decedent affairs officer (DAO) or designee obtains supplies and services on a contractual basis in coordination with the contract mortician, including one-time contracts.

(1) Submit copy 1 of DD 2063 on naval personnel to COMNAV MEDCOM (MEDCOM-332) as soon as possible after remains have been transported to destination. Submit documents listed below with the DD 2063. (Report control symbol MED 5360-3 applies. Also see paragraph 11-7.)

(a) Documentation of the methods used to establish identification and DD 565, Statement of Recognition of Deceased, from two individuals. When received from civil authorities for care by Navy, identity of remains should be confirmed prior to processing and return to PNOK. Forward identification and processing documents in the transfer case with remains to POEs.

(b) A signed statement of condition of remains upon arrival at consignee (funeral home).

(c) If the PNOK desires the Navy to arrange cremation, copy of signed request from the PNOK and copy of crematorium document.

(2) Copy 1 of DD 2063 completed by naval authorities for Army or Air Force personnel, accompanied by documents indicated in paragraphs 1-5a(1)(a), (b), and (c) when available, will be distributed as follows:

(a) For Army personnel: Commander, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center, ATTN: DAPC-PDC-CD, Alexandria, VA 22331-0400.

(b) For Air Force personnel: Headquarters, Air Force Engineering and Services Center-DEHM, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL 32403-6001.

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(3) When the deceased member's family makes all arrangements for care and disposition of remains, a DD 2063 will not be completed (paragraph 5-4 refers).

b. The armed services mortician responsible for preparation of remains will prepare a DD 2062, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Outside CONUS) (appendix O refers). When remains are prepared on a reimbursable basis, complete items 31, 32, and 34a and b. In the box entitled "Report Number" in the heading, insert a consecutively numbered identifier for each remains processed, i.e., beginning with the first remains processed each calendar year, 1-87, 2-87, 3-87, etc. Forward identification and processing documents in the transfer case with remains to POEs. The POE embalmer or contract funeral director will complete the reverse of the form and make distribution of copies 1 through 5 as indicated in the lower right hand corner on the face of the form. (Report control symbol MED 5360-3 applies. Also see paragraph 11-7.)

c. Prepare a DD 2065, Disposition of Remains - Reimbursable Basis, (appendix Q refers), for remains of dependents of active duty members, dependents of civilians paid from appropriated funds, and for other individuals authorized to receive services on a reimbursable basis. Check options I, II, or III concerning arrangements desired by PNOK in the disposition of remains. Distribute copies as indicated in the heading. (Also see paragraph 11-6c.)

d. When a sponsor (entitled to burial in a military cemetery) desires interment of a dependent in a military cemetery under the jurisdiction of the Army, the mortician responsible for remains processing will prepare an agreement for interment form, such as DA 2386-R, Agreement for Interment (appendix I). (AF Form 507, Agreement for Interment, is also acceptable.)

Chapter 2 - Current Death Program

2-1. General. The Current Death Program provides for the following specific functions:

- a. Search for, recovery, and identification of remains.
- b. COMNAVMEDCOM notification of all deaths of Navy and Marine Corps personnel (per NAVMILPERSCOM (BUPERS) directives and MARCOR CASPROC Manual, as appropriate), and on deaths of other uniformed services and non-uniformed service personnel occurring aboard naval ships, naval installations, or in an overseas area over which the Navy or Marine Corps has jurisdiction.
- c. Notification (chapter 3 refers) to the PNOK and SNOK of deaths of personnel enumerated in paragraph 2-1b.
- d. Collection and temporary retention of personal effects necessary for proper identification of remains. Instructions for final disposition of personal effects are set forth in directives of NAVMILPERSCOM, CMC, and Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (COMNAVSUPSYSCOM).
- e. Preparation, casketing, and inspection of remains. This includes provision of clothing, insignia, and other required items.
- f. Transportation of remains.
- g. Escort - In coordination with the appropriate Pay/Personnel Administrative Support System (PASS) office or responsible Marine Corps unit, arrangements for and instructions to escort.
- h. Provision of U.S. flags (paragraph 5-5h and appendix C refer).
- i. Cremation - Includes the following when required (appendix J, part I, clause 8.1 refers):
 - (1) Transportation.
 - (2) Urn.
 - (3) Engraving of urn.
 - (4) Outer container.
- j. Interment - Either in a national, other Federal Government, or civilian cemetery, as authorized.

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k. Provision of Government furnished grave marker.

l. Payment of DAP expenses in amounts authorized.

m. For nonrecovered remains of naval personnel (paragraph 11-2 c(2) refers):

(1) Payment for or reimbursement of memorial service expenses.

(2) Memorial flag, plot, and marker.

n. Although not a part of the Current Death Program, round-trip transportation to the burial site may be authorized for family members of deceased active duty members under a program administered by the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) and COMNAVMILPERS COM as outlined in paragraph 16-6b.

2-2. Responsibilities

a. The Commander, Naval Medical Command. In conjunction with the Commandant of the Marine Corps when appropriate, the Commander, Naval Medical Command, under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations, is responsible for:

(1) Formulation and promulgation of directives on policies, standards, and procedures.

(2) Budgeting for and providing funds necessary to defray authorized Decedent Affairs Program expenses, monitoring such expenditures through examination of paid vouchers, and adjudication of contested claims.

(3) Coordination of arrangements with other agencies of the Government.

(4) Liaison with the civilian mortuary profession and industry.

(5) Coordination required in the recruitment and selection of morticians (NEC-8496) for mortuaries under naval cognizance.

(6) Ensuring compliance with DAP policies and procedures.

(7) Visits to U.S. POEs and U.S. and overseas activities with DAP responsibilities. Providing appropriate help and support to these activities in the proper disposition of remains and related functions.

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(8) Providing:

(a) Instructions to the appropriate office of medical affairs/naval hospital (OMA/NH) (appendix F) concerning adjudication of DAP claims and accumulation of data necessary for submission of a report to COMNAVMEDCOM, per paragraph 2-2c(3)(q), concerning adequacy of interment allowances.

(b) The Department of the Army with a biennial report (Symbol DD-M(AR)894) concerning the Navy's recommendation on the adequacy of interment allowances (DOD Directive 1344.8 of 25 Sep 1978 (NOTAL) refers).

(9) Coordinating with commanding officers in the establishment, disestablishment, or consolidation of overseas Navy mortuaries as required.

(10) Representing the Navy in the development of uniform annual contracts for the procurement of mortuary services.

(11) Supervision of DAP functions performed in naval medical facilities.

(12) Training in decedent affairs procedures.

(13) Evaluation of the effectiveness of the DAP.

(14) Development of and approval of changes in mortuary equipment and supplies.

(15) Serving as the Navy representative on the Armed Services Graves Registration Office (ASGRO). Aiding the Chief, ASGRO in resolution of problem situations and maintenance of appropriate records of missing and deceased personnel.

(16) Maintenance and disposition of records received by message, letter, and telephone concerning deceased Navy, Marine Corps, and other personnel entitled to DAP benefits. These records document the care, transportation, cost, disposition instructions, and special requests of the PNOK and other interested parties.

b. The Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC). In conjunction with the Commander, Naval Medical Command, the CMC is responsible for:

(1) Formulation and promulgation of directives on policies, standards, and procedures involving Marine Corps personnel.

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(2) Coordination of arrangements with other agencies of the Government on matters involving Marine Corps personnel.

(3) Supervision, through designated commanders, of the DAP functions performed in Marine Corps activities.

(4) Contributing information for consideration in the evaluation of the current-death phase of the DAP.

(5) Administration of the Marine Corps Casualty Assistance Calls Program (CACP), encompassing, casualty reporting, casualty notification, and administration of the program that provides for travel of Marine Corps family members to burial sites (paragraph 16-6b).

c. Coordination

(1) Chief of Naval Operations. CNO has concurred in the delegation of responsibility for continued coordination in accomplishment of functions concerning one-time contracts; at sea disposition of eligible decedents, using naval vessels or naval aircraft; and necessary arrangements through the CAC/FHS program for personal notifications (paragraph 1-3e refers).

(2) Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command. The COM NAVMILPERSCOM has responsibility for administration of the Navy Casualty Assistance Calls Program (CACP) as published in NAVMILPERS COMINST 1770.1. That program encompasses casualty reporting, casualty notification, and administration of the program that provides for travel of Navy family members to burial sites.

(3) Offices of Medical Affairs/Naval Hospitals with OMA Responsibilities. The appropriate OMA/NH delineated in appendix F is responsible for administration and coordination of DAP functions within its respective area of responsibility. However, when a death occurs at or within 40 miles of a naval medical treatment facility, or at a Marine Corps activity normally commanded by a general officer and at which an annual care of deceased contract is not in effect, that activity has the responsibility for coordination and awarding a one-time contract for preparation of the remains. The appropriate OMA/NH delineated in appendix F retains responsibility for actual administration and other functions. In connection with program responsibilities in this instruction, each OMA/NH listed in appendix F is responsible for:

(a) Formulation and promulgation of necessary directives.

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(b) Coordination of arrangements with other agencies of the Government and civil authorities.

(c) Liaison with the mortuary profession and industry.

(d) Administration of the procurement of annual contracts for care of deceased personnel (see paragraph 5-2a).

(e) Initiation and supervision of special operations necessary to recover and identify remains (see chapter 4).

(f) Determination of responsibility for necessary actions relative to DAP matters.

(g) Arrangements for the performance of appropriate decedent affairs functions when remains are not in the custody of a naval activity with an annual contract for care of deceased personnel.

(h) Providing aid to other activities in performance of assigned duties.

(i) Providing requested aid to other OMAs/NHs.

(j) Assuring that actions taken are in conformity with legal requirements of the State or local jurisdiction.

(k) Development of emergency plans for use in event of a disaster.

(l) Adjudication and payment of certain DAP expenses. This includes only:

1. Primary expenses when a one-time contract is used. (See paragraph 2-2d(2)(1) concerning adjudication of primary expenses incurred through use of annual contracts.)

2. Secondary (burial) allowances when interment is made within the geographical area of responsibility of the OMA/NH.

3. Memorial allowance claims of PNOKs residing within the geographical area of responsibility of the OMA/NH.

4. Necessary transportation expenses for remains.

(m) Inspections and investigations as required.

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(n) DAP coordination with other nonnaval medical command activities within the activity's geographical area of responsibility.

(o) Reviewing reports addressed to COMNAVMEDCOM or CMC to evaluate the program and provide proper program supervision.

(p) Coordination of at sea dispositions (chapter 8 refers).

(q) Compiling data, preparing, and submitting MED 5360-10, Interment Allowance Review Data, to COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-332). COMNAVMEDCOM requires this report by 30 October each year.

1. Compile data from funeral bills that are voluntarily attached to the DD 1375, Request for Payment of Funeral and/or Interment Expenses, submitted by persons who have directed disposition of remains.

2. Prepare a letter report in the format of appendix V citing as many funeral bills as have been voluntarily submitted during the preceding year. Complete each applicable column of appendix V for bills received that show a separate cost for the items listed.

3. Negative reports are required.

d. Naval Activities With Annual Care of the Dead Contracts

(1) Activities Included. Included in this category are naval medical facilities, all other naval activities with annual contracts for care of deceased personnel, and activities authorized by COMNAVMEDCOM, through OMAS/NHs, to use annual contracts of the Army or Air Force.

(2) Specific Responsibilities

(a) Procurement of annual contracts for care of deceased personnel. Obtain per existing procurement instructions, provided the anticipated workload (based on past experience and knowledge of future operations) justifies the time and expense of contracting.

(b) Appointment of a decedent affairs officer (DAO). The DAO is usually a member of the Medical Service Corps or, at those facilities using an enlisted member as the patient administration officer, the leading chief petty officer. The assignment

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is collateral duty at smaller activities; however if there is need, the assignment may be as primary duty. In either situation the appointment must be made by letter, a copy of which must be provided to COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-332) and kept up-to-date as changes occur. At activities that have an appointed DAO, the DAO is personally responsible for:

1. Initial notification to the Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command (COMNAVMILPERSCOM) or Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) of death of individuals under the cognizance of the DAO's command. The headquarters command is thus in a position to appoint casualty assistance calls officers (CACO) to effect the earliest possible PNOK and SNOK notification.

2. Notifications to the CACO for the PNOK of changes in the scheduled transportation of remains. The CACO is the only individual authorized to interact with the PNOK on transportation matters (paragraph 9-2b(1) refers).

3. Inspection of all remains processed under the DAO's cognizance. The DAO will personally accomplish this function without redelegation. Delegating subordinates to accomplish this function has resulted in less than optimal results. When morticians are assigned to the staff, their technical assistance may be used by the DAO in assessing the contract mortician's successful accomplishment of the requirements of this function. DD 2062 and DD 2063 contain a checklist of inspection items. Forward a legible, signed copy to COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-332) as soon as practical after completion of an inspection. This enables headquarters to adequately monitor and identify inspection discrepancies and contract mortuary service problems, and to initiate changes when required.

(c) Search for, recovery, and identification of remains.

(d) COMNAVMEDCOM notification of death when required as a decedent affairs matter.

(e) Collection and temporary retention of personal effects to collaborate in scientific identification of remains.

(f) Preparation and casketing remains.

(g) Cremation.

(h) Transportation of remains.

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(i) In coordination with the appropriate Pay/Personnel Administrative Support System (PASS) office or responsible Marine Corps unit, arrangements for and instruction of escorts.

(j) Provision of U.S. flag(s).

(k) Interment.

(l) Adjudication of decedent affairs expense claims for services rendered in connection with the annual contract for care of deceased personnel.

e. All Other Naval Commands

(1) General. The commanding officers of all other naval activities are expected to take such action as is appropriate for the preservation of remains, pending receipt of instructions from the appropriate OMA/NH delineated in appendix F.

(2) Decedent Affairs Officer. The commanding officer (CO) will appoint a DAO per paragraph 2-2d(2)(b) to be personally responsible for functions listed in paragraphs 2-2d(2)(b)1 through 3. An additional function of the DAO is to ensure proper preparation, casketing, and disposition of remains in areas not provided care under a contract. This involves negotiation of a one-time contract (paragraph 5-3 refers) for embalming, dressing, casket (must be 18 gauge Silvertone metal sealer, paragraph 6-9 refers), shipping container, and transportation of remains.

(3) Specific Responsibilities. Items (a) through (g) may be accomplished without further specific approval of higher authority. However in each instance, items (h) through (m) require higher authority approval, normally the OMA/NH servicing the respective geographical area.

(a) Search for, recovery, and identification of remains.

(b) Temporary preservation and protection of remains pending receipt of disposition instructions from the OMA/NH or the activity designated by the OMA/NH if no contract facility is available.

(c) COMNAVMEDCOM notification of death when required as a decedent affairs matter.

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(d) PNOK/SNOK notification of death when required as decedent affairs matter. Accomplish this function through notification to COMNAVMILPERSCOM or CMC for each death in the DAO command. The headquarters command provides for the appointment of a CACO to accomplish the actual notification (paragraph 2-2d(2)(b) refers).

(e) Collection and temporary retention of personal effects necessary for proper identification of remains.

(f) Transfer of remains to an Armed Forces contract funeral director, if practicable.

(g) Maintenance of an adequate supply of mortuary supplies and materials, as appropriate.

(h) Preparation, casketing, and providing clothing as required.

(i) Cremation.

(j) Transportation of remains.

(k) In coordination with the appropriate PASS office or responsible Marine Corps unit, arrangements for and instruction of escorts.

(l) Provision of U.S. flag(s).

(m) Interment.

f. Commanders of Naval Components of Unified Commands

(1) General. Commanders of each naval component of a unified command are responsible, through subordinate commanders, for the administration and coordination of DAP functions within the prescribed geographical area. Normally, the staff medical officer is assigned these responsibilities.

(2) Specific Responsibilities

(a) Formulation and promulgation of necessary directives.

(b) Coordination and arrangements with representatives of U.S. and foreign governments.

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(c) Liaison with the mortuary profession and industry.

(d) Liaison with Armed Forces mortuaries in overseas locations.

(e) Administering the procurement of annual contracts or one-time contracts for care of deceased personnel.

(f) Initiation and supervision of special operations necessary to recover and identify remains.

(g) Determination of responsibility for necessary actions relative to DAP matters.

(h) Helping activities in performance of assigned functions.

(i) Helping authorities from other major commands.

(j) Assuring that actions taken are in conformity with laws of the area or local jurisdiction and follow Status of Forces Agreements (SOFA) in overseas areas.

(k) Development of emergency plans for use in event of a disaster.

(l) Supervising payment of decedent affairs expenses including secondary allowances when authorized.

(m) Inspections and investigations as required.

2-3. Services and Supplies. This paragraph identifies authorized services and supplies and the categories of individuals for whom these may be furnished at the expense of the Government or on a reimbursable basis. The responsibility for determinations of eligibility and entitlement to services and supplies rests with the command exercising initial jurisdiction. Questions on eligibility or entitlement should be referred to the supervising or coordinating command delineated in paragraphs 2-2c through 2-2f.

a. Authorized Services and Supplies. The following are items and procedures considered most generally required and are authorized in providing proper care and handling of the remains of deceased members eligible for DAP benefits. Other unlisted items may also be authorized by the responsible naval authority, provided an adequate, bona fide need exists. The appropriate OMA/NH delin-

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eated in appendix F and, if necessary, COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-33) should be consulted concerning marginal or unusual situations.

(1) Search and Recovery. Reasonable costs of search for recovery and identification of remains are authorized. Search operations, unusual in scope or cost, should not be initiated without prior approval of COMNAVMEDCOM. (Rewards of \$25 or \$50 may be offered and paid for recovery of remains, or for information leading to recovery, per NAVCOMPT Manual 046380.2.)

(2) Identification of Remains. Policy, procedures, and documentation required are detailed in chapter 4.

(3) Notifications. Telegram, telephone, and other communication costs are normally chargeable to other Navy and Marine Corps funds. However, when charges cannot be made to such other funds and communication is required as a decedent affairs matter, a charge may be made against the decedent affairs allotment.

(4) Processing. Primary care (processing) of remains is authorized. This includes embalming and other preservative measures, restorative work, derma surgery, cosmetic work, dressing or wrapping, casketing, and other related items.

(5) Clothing

(a) Uniformed Members of Navy or Marine Corps. Currently prescribed articles of uniform and underclothing, including cap and shoes if requested or required; ribbons (and medals if requested by PNOK and readily available); and insignia required to properly dress the remains may be purchased, provided such items are not available in the personal effects of the deceased or are not in a suitable condition (paragraph 6-7 refers). Outer articles of civilian clothing are authorized only when the PNOK (or other person designated to direct disposition) specifically requests civilian attire (paragraph 6-7a(2) refers). Cleaning, pressing, and tailoring are authorized as necessary.

(b) Uniformed Members of the Army or Air Force. Obtain necessary clothing for deceased Army and Air Force personnel from the nearest Army or Air Force installation or through local purchase when authorized by those services.

(c) Civilians. Articles of civilian clothing, shoes included if requested or required, to properly dress remains of eligible civilians may be purchased, provided such articles are not available in the personal effects of the deceased, or if avail-

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able, are not in a suitable condition. Necessary cleaning, pressing, and tailoring are authorized (paragraph 6-7a refers).

(6) Casket, Urn, and Allied Supplies. A casket, and when necessary, an urn with outer container are authorized.

(7) Cremation. When requested by the PNOK defined in paragraph 1-4c, cremation is authorized as prescribed in chapter 7.

(8) United States Flag(s)

(a) PNOK and Parent or Parents (SNOK). An interment or memorial flag is authorized for presentation to PNOK of each deceased military person eligible for DAP benefits except certain categories of military prisoners (paragraph 2-3b(1)(n) refers). If the person designated to direct disposition is other than the parent or parents of the deceased, a flag of equal size to that provided the PNOK may also be presented to the parent or parents (paragraph 5-5h refers).

(b) Draping Casket on Arrival at Common Carrier Terminal at Destination. Issue a flag to the escort for use per paragraph 10-7a(2)(c)4.

(9) Flag Case. A plastic flag case, without insignia, is authorized for each interment or memorial flag issued (NSN 8345-00-782-3010).

(10) Transportation

(a) Remains. Transportation of remains is authorized by common carrier, funeral coach, other suitable closed vehicle furnished by a funeral director, suitable Government vehicle, or Government aircraft in the return of remains from overseas areas to a U.S. POE; and use of commercial air for onward transportation to final destination (chapter 9 refers). Transportation includes movement of remains to place of processing, to crematorium, to place of funeral service, and local cemetery or to other places as designated by the PNOK or naval authority (see paragraph 9-3).

(b) Family Members. Transportation of family members to and from burial sites of members who die while on active duty for a period of 30 days or longer (and of all members being buried in a group) is authorized under a program administered by CMC and COMNAVMILPERSCOM. Paragraphs 16-6a and b contain provisions of the program.

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(11) Escort. One escort, when authorized (paragraph 2-3 and chapter 10 refers), will be provided for each remains, including cremains. Transportation and prescribed allowances are authorized to the place designated by the PNOK, or other person authorized to direct disposition, and return as directed in orders. Upon arrival at destination, escorts will determine whether the person authorized to direct disposition desires the escort's presence to attend the services. When given a negative response, escorts will proceed as soon as possible to the place designated in their orders.

(12) Interment. Services and supplies incident to funeral and burial (paragraph 1-4f refers).

(a) PNOK Responsibility. Except when remains are consigned directly to a Federal Government cemetery, or when the Navy is responsible for interring remains per subparagraph (b), funeral and interment arrangements and payment of all costs thereof are the responsibility of the PNOK. The Navy provides an allowance (paragraph 11-2) toward interment expenses.

(b) Navy Responsibility. When the Navy is responsible for interring remains of specifically unclaimed or indigent persons dying in naval medical facilities or on a naval reservation, authorized services and supplies are limited to those items necessary for decent burial. A single grave site may be purchased for an indigent or unclaimed person not eligible for burial in a national cemetery; (or if eligible, when a national cemetery is not within a reasonable distance); or when grave space is not available in a naval cemetery or plot.

(13) Memorial Services. Paragraph 11-2c(2) specifies the allowance authorized when services and supplies are used incident to memorial services when an official determination has been made that the status of a member is dead, body not recovered. The PNOK is responsible for making arrangements for such memorial services and filing for payment or reimbursement. For nonrecovered remains of deceased naval members, reimbursement may be made, to the limits specified in paragraph 11-2c(2), for the following: use of chapel or funeral establishment; clergy's fee or honorarium; limousine transportation for the immediate family members to and from the local place of the memorial service; flowers and flower car; death notices; registers and announcements of the memorial services; a single memorial plot in a civilian cemetery; organist or vocalist fee; purchase and installation of memorial plaque; memorial flag; and installation of memorial marker. Casket, casket receptacle, funeral coach, food, and lodging are not authorized reimbursable items.

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b. Eligibility and Extent of Benefits. The following table summarizes legally authorized services and supplies by category of eligible decedent.

Persons Covered	When Covered	Entitlement
(l) Uniformed members and former uniformed members of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve components...	Members on active duty.....Members absent from duty without leave (AWOL) but who have not been administratively declared deserters; and members formerly AWOL, administratively declared deserters, but under military control at the time of death, are eligible for the same benefits as those who die while in a duty status. <u>Members who are absent from duty without leave, have been administratively declared deserters, and are not under military control at the time of death are not entitled to the benefits of the Decedent Affairs Program.</u>	
(a) Regular.....	While on active duty.....	Any necessary item in paragraph 2-3a.
(b) Reserve.....	While on active duty, active duty for training, or performing authorized travel directly to or from either duty.....	Do.
(c) Do.	While on authorized inactive-duty training or performing authorized travel directly to or from such duty.....	Do.
(d) Do.	While hospitalized or undergoing treatment at the expense of the U.S. Government for injury incurred or disease contracted while on active duty, active duty for training, inactive duty training, or while performing travel directly to or from such duty.....	Do.
(e) Members of or applicants for the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps..	While attending scheduled training camp.....	Do.
(f) Do.	While on an authorized training cruise.....	Do.
(g) Do.	While performing authorized travel to or from scheduled training camp or training cruise.....	Do.
(h) Do.	When hospitalized or undergoing treatment at the expense of the U.S. Government for injury incurred, or disease contracted while attending scheduled training camp, while on training cruises, or while performing authorized travel to or from scheduled training camp or cruise.....	Do.
(i) Applicants for enlistment in the Navy or Marine Corps (see directives of COMNAVMILPERSCOM and CMC).	After acceptance.....	Do.
(j) Naval Academy Midshipmen..	From date of reporting to date of separation as midshipmen.....	Do.

Persons Covered	When Covered	Entitlement
(1) Continued.		
(k) Any member, Regular or Reserve, Navy or Marine Corps, who has been discharged from an enlistment or appointment while a patient in a United States hospital.....	While a patient in a Government hospital provided hospitalization in United States hospital(s) has been continuous since discharge from service.....	Any necessary item in paragraph 2-3a.
(l) Regular or Reserve retired members.....	While an inpatient in a Government hospital provided the member became an inpatient in such a hospital while on active duty for a period specified as more than 30 days and the member continued as an inpatient until date of death.....	Do.
(m) Regular or Reserve retired members.....	While properly admitted to a medical facility of the Armed Forces located in the United States.....	Transportation to place of burial.**
(n) Military prisoners.....	While in the custody of the Navy or Marine Corps.....	Any necessary item in par. 2-3a except no flag if sentence includes discharge.
(2) Civilian officers and employees of the Navy paid from appropriated funds (including civilian employees of the Military Sealift Command and DOD civilian employees when the Navy is "host" and supporting activity. Does not include nonappropriated fund employees covered in subparagraph 2-3b(7)(d).).....	1. While traveling on official business within the country, territory, or possession of the employee's home but away from the employee's official station.....	Following items at a total cost not to exceed \$250: Casket, clothing, cremation and urn, notification

Persons Covered	When Covered	Entitlement
(2) Continued.		<p>to PNOK. Removal to place of processing. Transportation: (a) From place of processing to a funeral home or cemetery, or to common carrier terminal at place of origin. (b) Common carrier to a terminal nearest the home or official station, or to such other place as designated by naval authorities provided such transportation does not exceed cost of transportation to home or official station, whichever is greater. (c) Removal at destination from common carrier terminal to a funeral home and local cemetery or to another place of local delivery.</p>
	<p>2. While employed outside the country, territory, or possession of the employee's home whether entitled or not entitled to travel to his or her home of record at Government expense on termination of employment. Benefits shall not be denied because the employee was temporarily absent from the employee's post of duty while on leave, including leave in the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.....</p>	<p>Recovery, notification, preparation and cremation. Casket and necessary urn. Clothing and transportation. Escort not authorized.</p>
	<p>3. While traveling on official business outside the country, territory, or possession of the employee's home.</p>	<p>Do.</p>
	<p>4. While on authorized travel to or from employment outside the country, territory, or possession of the employee's home.....</p>	<p>Do.</p>

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Persons Covered	When Covered	Entitlement
(2) Continuec.	5. While hospitalized at a USMTF within the 48 contiguous United States or Hawaii subsequent to medical evacuation from an overseas duty station.....	Recovery, notification, preparation and cremation. Casket and necessary urn. Clothing and transportation. Escort not authorized.
(3) Dependents: (a) Of members of Navy or Marine Corps, Regular or Reserve, on active duty other than for training. (For definition of dependent, see par. 1-4d.)	(1) While residing with active duty members outside the 48 contiguous United States or while traveling to or from such a place, or while residing separately if member's duty station or other factors necessitate.....	Notification. *Preparation, casket, and clothing. Transportation to a place selected by PNOK (subparagraph 2-3b(3)(a) (2) refers). Escort not authorized.
	(2) While residing with an active duty member within the 50 United States or while residing separately if member's duty station or other factors necessitate.....	Notification if necessary. Transportation to destination, including delivery to funeral home or crematory, delivery to local cemetery or common carrier terminal at place of shipment, provision of an outer shipping container or light-weight casket cover, and removal from common carrier at destination to designated funeral home and to local cemetery. Funeral director's transportation is authorized in lieu of common carrier when common carrier transportation is unavailable or is impractical and provided cost is

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(3)(a)(2) Continued.		not excessive. A shipping container or light-weight cover is not authorized if funeral coach transportation is used.
(b) Of civilian employees of the Navy and of the Office of the Secretary of Defense when Navy is host and supporting activity. (For definition of dependent, see par. 1-4d.).....	While residing with such employee performing official duties at a place outside the 48 contiguous United States or while in transit thereto or therefrom.....	PNOK notification. *Preparation, casket, and clothing. Transportation to a place selected by PNOK (paragraph 2-3b(3)(a)(2) refers). Escort is not authorized.
(4) Indigent Patients.....	While hospitalized in a naval medical facility provided disposition of remains cannot otherwise be made.....	PNOK notification. Preparation. Casket, urn or both, with outside container. Clothing and cremation. Transportation to cemetery selected by command. Interment.
(5) Persons not covered in pars. 2-3b(1) through (4) above.....	While hospitalized in a naval medical facility or when death occurs onboard a naval installation, provided disposition of remains cannot otherwise be made.....	Do.
(6) Prisoners of War (POW) or interned enemy aliens.....	While in Navy or Marine Corps custody.....	Same as indigent patients.
(7) U.S. Citizens not otherwise covered herein.....	Eligibility for persons in this section is dependent upon a determination by SECNAV that suitable commercial mortuary services and supplies are not available or that they are available only at a prohibitive cost.....	See next page.

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(7) Continued.		
(a) Employees of Humanitarian Agencies accredited to the Armed Forces such as the American Red Cross, United Services Organization (USO), etc..	While outside the 50 United States.....	PNOK notification. *Preparation, casket, & clothing. *Necessary transportation: overseas, to U.S. POE, and to PNOK selected final destination.
(b) Civilians performing services directly for the Secretary because of employment by an agency under contract with SECNAV.....	While outside the 50 United States.....	Do.
(c) Officers or members of a crew of a Merchant vessel operated by or for the U.S. through SECNAV.....	While outside the 50 United States.....	Do.
(d) Persons on duty with the Navy or Marine Corps who are paid from nonappropriated funds.....	Do.	Do.
(e) Any person not covered above only on specific request of the Department of State or representative of the territorial government (par. 9-3a(6) refers).....	While outside the 50 United States.....	Notification. *Preparation, casket, clothing and necessary transportation overseas, to U.S. POE, and to PNOK selected final destination.
(f) Dependents of persons in pars. 2-3b(7)(a) through (e).....	While living outside the 50 United States with a person listed in pars. 2-3b(7)(a) through (e).....	Do.

* May be furnished on a reimbursable basis for individuals whose deaths occur outside the 50 United States or 48 contiguous United States, as appropriate, when local commercial mortuary services are unavailable or when the Secretary of the Navy has concluded that the cost of local services is prohibitive.

** Whenever a military retired member dies on or after 15 February 1984 while properly admitted under chapter 55, title 10 United States Code, to a medical facility of the Armed Forces located in the United States, such member's remains may be transported at the request of the primary next of kin to the place of burial, or the cost of such transportation may be paid. Transportation (at Government expense) may not be made to a place further from the place of death than the decedent's last permanent residence nor to a place outside the United States (for the purpose of providing this transportation, the term "United States" includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the territories and possessions of the United States). If the decedent qualifies for transportation by the Veterans Administration under chapter 23, title 38, United States Code, or by the military services under sections 1481 and 1482 of title 10, United States Code, those programs take precedence. Paragraph 9-3 is applicable to this transportation. As used above, "last permanent residence" has been interpreted to mean "last legal domicile."