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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter – Approval Authority and Eligibility Criteria to Support Funeral Flyovers at Arlington National Cemetery – Memorandum #19

1. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 600-25 (Salutes, Honors, and Visits of Courtesy).
- b. AR 95-1 (Flight Regulations).
- c. JP-1, Doctrine of the Armed Forces of the United States 25 March 2013
- d. USAMDW Supplement to AR 95-1 (Flight Regulations).

2. PURPOSE. To establish approval authorities and eligibility criteria for U.S. Army Military District of Washington (USAMDW) aviation support to funeral flyovers at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC).

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to aviation units assigned, attached, or under operational control of the USAMDW.

4. POLICY.

a. The Commanding General, USAMDW (CG, USAMDW) is the approval authority to utilize USAMDW aircraft for funeral flyovers, as established by reference 1.d. paragraph 3-4 f.7.

b. Under this policy and in accordance with reference 1.a., paragraph 6-2, the following are eligible for funeral flyover honors at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) utilizing USAMDW aircraft.

- (1) The President, a former President, or President-elect of the United States.
- (2) The Vice President of the United States.
- (3) Secretary, Deputy Secretary, or former Secretary of Defense.
- (4) Secretary of the Army or former Secretary of the Army.

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- (5) Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) or former CJCS.
- (6) Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (VCJCS) or former VCJCS.
- (7) Chief of Staff, or former Chief of Staff, United States Army.
- (8) General of the Army, Active, or retired Army 3- and 4-star general officers, regardless of aviation service.
- (9) Sergeants Major of the Army (SMA), or former SMA, regardless of aviation service.
- (10) Active duty or retired Army members who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross.
- (11) Active duty or retired military rated and non-rated crew members who, from a position of leadership, have significantly contributed to the advancement of Army Aviation, as determined by the CG, USAMDW.
- (12) Repatriated remains of individuals meeting the above eligibility requirements.

c. The Commanding General, USAMDW (CG, USAMDW) as the approval authority for utilization of USAMDW aircraft, also recognizes the following as eligible for funeral flyover honors at ANC.

- (1) Any Army Aviation aircrew member killed in action while serving in any named operations including Crisis Response, Limited Contingency Operations and Major Operations and Campaigns as defined by reference 1.a., Ch.1, Sec. 9, Para E 1-3.
- (2) Repatriated remains of individuals meeting any of the above eligibility requirements.

5. PROCEDURES.

a. A one-time funeral flyover must be specifically requested by the next of kin or family of the deceased directly or through an official spokesman. Requests will be coordinated with the Internment Office at Arlington National Cemetery and then through Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Branch, U.S. Army HRC. HRC will make a recommendation of eligibility and forward to the USAMDW G-3 Operations Directorate. The USAMDW G-3 will receive the request and process the recommendation packet with a letter to the family of the deceased for the CG USAMDW's approval/disapproval.

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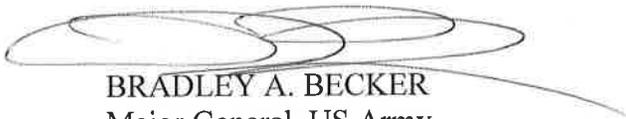
b. Commanding General approval or disapproval of USAMDW support of a flyover does not constitute final mission approval. Per reference 1.d., Commander, U.S. Army Air Operations Group (AAOG) will make the final mission approval decision based upon aircraft/aircrew availability, weather constraints, and/or operational commitments. If the AAOG is unable to support the flyover a notification will be made to the USAMDW G-3 who will notify the CG USAMDW and the family of the deceased.

c. A funeral flyover will consist of one to four aircraft in an appropriate formation. The missing man formation is reserved for solemn occasions and is executed only when four aircraft are flown and for specific individuals. The missing man formation will only be flown for:

(1) Funerals of active duty rated/designated servicemembers.

(2) Individuals listed above in paragraphs 4.b.(1)-(7), (9), 4.c (1)-(2), and General of the Army, Active or retired 4-star generals.

6. PROPONENT. The USAMDW G-3 is the proponent for this action. The point of contact is the Plans and Exercises Program Manager at (202) 685-1933, or (DSN: 325).



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