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MARINE CORPS ORDER 5360.9A

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: SELECTION OF CMC REPRESENTATIVES FOR MARINE CORPS FUNERALS
CONDUCTED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Ref: (a) MCO P3040.4D

1. Situation. This Order provides policy and guidance for selection of Marines to serve as CMC representatives, as well as general guidance on Marine Corps participation in subject funerals.

2. Cancellation. MCO 5360.9.

3. Mission. To provide the CMC representative who will present the colors to the next of kin at funerals for deceased members of our Marine Corps at Arlington National Cemetery.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) This Headquarters is called upon frequently to participate in military funerals conducted at the Arlington National Cemetery. Such funerals are an open recognition of the nation's debt for the services and sacrifices of our Marines.

(b) The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, will provide appropriate military honors elements to include musical support for standard honors funerals. CMC (PAB) will assign the appropriate musical unit to support Full Honors Funerals.

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(c) A Marine of equal grade to that of the deceased will be named to serve as the CMC representative to present the colors to the next of kin.

(2) Concept of Operations. The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, has the overall responsibility for coordinating funeral arrangements and when requested, will have the Casualty Representative available to brief CMC representatives prior to each funeral. The Casualty Representative shall make all requests for personnel support from the Director, Marine Corps Staff and the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Henderson Hall as soon as possible upon notification of a Marine Corps funeral. Assignment of CMC representatives of the appropriate rank will be as follows:

(a) CMC representatives for staff noncommissioned officers below the grade of master sergeant will be assigned by the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

(b) Requests for general officers or sergeants major will be undertaken by the Director, Marine Corps Staff.

(c) The Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Henderson Hall will provide a CMC representative for funerals of deceased Marines in the grades of colonel through master sergeant and first sergeant.

(d) In certain instances, a request for a grade waiver may be considered (for example: mass casualty crisis with numerous funerals). In the event of a mass casualty crisis with numerous funerals, the Director, Marine Corps Staff may direct that all officers and staff noncommissioned officers of HQMC may be tasked as CMC representatives.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, will provide the CMC representative if the deceased is in the grade of gunnery sergeant or below.

(2) Requests for general officers or sergeants major will be resolved by the Director, Marine Corps Staff. The Director, Marine Corps Staff will nominate, for the Assistant Commandant's approval, the appropriate general officer or sergeant major.

(3) The Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, upon request from the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, is responsible for assignment of CMC representatives for funerals of deceased Marines in the grades master sergeant and first sergeant through colonel.

(a) Upon receipt of the requirement to provide CMC funeral representatives for the grades of master sergeant and first sergeant through colonel, the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Henderson Hall will request support from any of the agencies in the National Capital Region where Marines serve under administrative control of the Battalion. Marines serving aboard MCB Quantico, will not be considered. Support will be requested on a "fair share" rotation based upon the on-board strength of officers and staff noncommissioned officers in each grade from the respective agency.

(b) The Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Henderson Hall will maintain a record of assigned individuals used for CMC funeral representatives.

(c) Heads of staff agencies are requested to institute a plan or maintain a pre-designated list of available Marines, eligible to participate as CMC funeral representatives based upon the numbers of Marines in each grade assigned to their respective agency.

(4) The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC may request additional gunnery sergeants as necessary from the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, should funerals requiring gunnery sergeants occur simultaneously.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Transportation. Transportation for the CMC representative will be provided by the Casualty Representative, Marine Barracks if requested.

b. Uniform

(1) The appropriate seasonal dress uniform as directed by the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks shall be worn by all

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funeral participants to include the CMC representative. The uniform will be Blue Dress "A" or Blue/White "A" with large medals, mourning band, and white gloves.

(2) The CMC representative should have a second chinstrap (black) available in case of inclement weather. When the second chinstrap is worn for funerals, it will be fixed under the chin and the pointed ends will be clipped off.

(3) If needed, the blue all-weather coat will be provided by the Casualty Representative, Marine Barracks.

(4) Adverse weather items not actually worn may be left in assigned vehicles until conclusion of the service.

6. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

b. Command. This Order is applicable to Marines in the National Capital Region including Quantico unless otherwise indicated.



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