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FROM: HQ USAF/CC
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

SUBJECT: General Officer Attendance at Dignified Transfers and Funerals for Fallen Airmen

The Air Force has a solemn obligation to ensure dignity, honor, and respect for our fallen Airmen as well as care, service, and support for their families. In keeping with those obligations, an Air Force general officer will welcome our fallen comrades from the combat theaters of operation by leading the dignified transfer of their remains at Dover AFB, DE. The fallen Airmen functional community will provide the general officer whenever possible from within the National Capital Region. In addition, the fallen Airmen major command will provide a general officer to host final honors at the funeral ceremony and interment.

The Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (AFMAO) is the lead agency for this matter and will coordinate with all necessary parties to ensure the Air Force is appropriately represented. Please have your staff contact Colonel Robert Edmondson, AFMAO/CC, DSN 445-2920, afmao.workflow@dover.af.mil with any questions.


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SUBJECT: General Officer Welcome of Wounded in Action Returning to the United States

The Air Force has made a commitment to ensure our Airmen wounded in action successfully recover, rehabilitate and reintegrate back into the Air Force when possible. In keeping with that commitment, an Air Force general officer will welcome our wounded in action when they return to the United States. The wounded Airman's functional community will provide the general officer, whenever possible.

The Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care Division (AF/A1SZ) is the lead organization for this matter and will coordinate with the functional community and the attending general officer to ensure the Air Force is appropriately represented. Please have your staff contact Lt Col Beth Demmons, HQ USAF/A1SZ, (703) 604-0226, USAFHELP@pentagon.af.mil with any questions.


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