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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJCOM/A1S MORTUARY AFFAIRS PERSONNEL
INSTALLATION HONOR GUARD AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS
PERSONNEL

FROM: HQ USAF/A1S
1040 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

SUBJECT: Dignified Arrival at Destination Airports

This policy is effective immediately and applies to the deaths of all Airmen who are entitled Mortuary Services in accordance with 10 USC § 1481 and AFI 34-242, CH. 2, Section 2A-Eligibility.

The preparing/shipping installation Mortuary Officer will task the installation honor guard, with the AOR for the final destination/arrival airport, to have seven (7) personnel present planeside to render appropriate honors for the fallen Airman; six (6) of whom will move the casket from the aircraft to the next mode of transportation and the seventh to render a salute as the casket is transferred. The escort will also render a salute as the casket is transferred.

NOTE: The requirement to perform a Dignified Arrival applies only to the movement of remains by commercial air, MIL AIR or Contract MIL AIR. A Dignified Arrival does not have to be performed when the casket is moved overland, via hearse, from the contract funeral home or DOD Mortuary to a receiving funeral home.

A copy of this letter will can found on the AFMAO/HG web site at:
<http://www.mortuary.af.mil/library/honorguard/index.asp>. This policy will be incorporated into the revision of AFI 34-501, Mortuary Affairs Policy.

If you have any questions, please contact the AFMAO Honor Guard representative, SSgt Alexandru Stoica, at 1-800-531-5803 or via e-mail at afmao.ma@us.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eden J. Murrie".

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