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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE ON CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

## REFERENCES:

REF. A.: DOD 6025.18-R, DOD HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY REGULATION, JAN 2003.  
REF. B.: SECDEF MESSAGE DTG 311900 MAR 03, PAG ON CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.  
REF. C.: SECDEF MESSAGE DTG 041220 MAR 03, SUPPLEMENTARY PAG ON CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

REF. B AND REF. C. ARE HEREBY CANCELLED.

1. REF. B. PROVIDED OVERALL GUIDANCE FOR CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS. REF. C. UPDATED GUIDANCE AND AUTHORIZED MEDIA COVERAGE OF WOUNDED, INJURED, AND ILL PERSONNEL IN MEDICAL TREATMENT WITH SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS. THIS MESSAGE CANCELS REF. B. AND REF. C., CONSOLIDATES PREVIOUS CONTENT, AND EXPANDS THE GUIDANCE TO REFLECT CURRENT POLICY ALLOWING MEDIA COVERAGE OF DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS AT DOVER AFB. SPECIFIC TERMS USED ARE DEFINED AT PARA. 8.

2. CASUALTY REPORTING IS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUE AND MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE AND SENSITIVITY. DOD POLICY IS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE AND TIMELY INFORMATION TO THE NEWS MEDIA WHILE ENSURING THE PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES. COMMANDERS WILL BALANCE MEDIA ACCESS TO WOUNDED, INJURED AND ILL PERSONNEL WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PROVIDING FOR BOTH.

3. THE GENERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR CASUALTY REPORTING AND THE PROCESSING OF REMAINS FROM THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND'S AREA OF OPERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3.A. OASD(PA), UNLESS IT DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE COMBATANT COMMAND/PA, WILL ISSUE AN INITIAL PRESS RELEASE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT COMBAT FATALITIES HAVE OCCURRED, TO INCLUDE NUMBERS OF FATALITIES, IF KNOWN. IF RELEASE AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED, THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND/PA WILL COORDINATE THE RELEASE WITH OASD(PA) BEFORE ISSUING IT.

3.B. A CASUALTY REPORT WILL BE INITIATED IN THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND'S AOR BY THE SERVICEMEMBER'S UNIT. THE REPORT WILL BE



PROCESSED THROUGH PERSONNEL CHANNELS TO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICE THAT HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE NEXT OF KIN (NOK).

3.C. REMAINS FROM THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND'S AOR WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE U.S. ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY (USAMAA), LANDSTUHL, GERMANY, OR DOVER AFB, DEL., MORTUARY. IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AT DOVER AFB OR U.S. ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY-EUROPE (USAMAAE). THIS PROCESS IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS REPATRIATION, BUT SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH REPATRIATION OF DETAINED PERSONNEL OR POWS/MIAs. SEE THE DEFINITION AT PARA. 8.15.

4. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY TO THE RELEASE OF MILITARY CASUALTY RELATED INFORMATION (PER DODI 1300.18, JANUARY 8, 2008, CASUALTY INFORMATION ON DOD CIVILIANS WILL ONLY BE RELEASED TO THE MEDIA OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY THE NOK; CASUALTY INFORMATION ON DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES WILL ONLY BE RELEASED BY THE NOK OR BY THEIR EMPLOYER). THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY TO THE RELEASE OF MILITARY CASUALTY RELATED INFORMATION SUSTAINED IN A MILITARY OPERATION (NOT ONLY THOSE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE FIRE, ETC.):

4.A. OASD(PA) IS THE SOLE INITIAL RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR NAMES OF ALL CATEGORIES OF MISSING AND DECEASED PERSONNEL RELATED TO COMBAT OPERATIONS -- KIA (KILLED IN ACTION) AND DWRIA (DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION). RELEASE WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER THE SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICE INVOLVED CONFIRMS TO SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS THAT THE NOK HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED. SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, IN TURN, WILL PROVIDE CASUALTY REPORT SHEETS AND CONFIRMATION OF NOK NOTIFICATION TO OASD(PA) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER NOK NOTIFICATION. IAW DODI 1300.18, IT IS DOD POLICY THAT NO CASUALTY INFORMATION ON DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY BE RELEASED TO THE MEDIA OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC UNTIL 24 HOURS AFTER NOTIFYING ALL THE NOK. UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THIS 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD, OASD(PA) WILL MAKE THE RELEASE, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: THE DATE OF THE OCCURRENCE (IF KNOWN), SERVICE, RANK, NAME, AGE, AND HOME OF RECORD. AFTER OASD(PA) RELEASE, THE SERVICES MAY RELEASE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CASUALTIES, CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIVACY ACT, REF. A. TO THE EXTENT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION IS INVOLVED, AND OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND SERVICE REGULATIONS. ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, OASD(PA) MAY DELEGATE RELEASE AUTHORITY TO SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

4.A.1. DOVER AFB PA IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE BELIEVED TO BE NAME, SERVICE, RANK, HOME OF RECORD AND THEATER OF DEATH OF DECEASED PERSONNEL IF THE PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN (PNOK) APPROVES MEDIA ACCESS TO THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER AT DOVER AFB. SEE PARA 4.F. FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

4.B. THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND/PA IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE THE NUMBER OF U.S. CASUALTIES IN ITS THEATER OF OPERATIONS, INCLUDING CASUALTIES INCURRED BY UNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE THEATER. PRIOR TO RELEASE, THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND/PA WILL COORDINATE WITH OASD(PA). IF OPERATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS DICTATE, THE TEMPORARY CHARACTERIZATION OF NUMBERS OF CASUALTIES SUFFERED BY U.S. UNITS IN TERMS OF "LIGHT, MODERATE, OR HEAVY" IS PERMITTED UNTIL SPECIFIC NUMBERS ARE RELEASABLE. SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND/PA WILL PROVIDE ALL RELEASABLE NUMERICAL CASUALTY INFORMATION TO OASD(PA) AS SOON AS



IS PRACTICABLE.

4.C. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED BY DOD HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICES, AND IN TURN BY THOSE OFFICES TO ANY OTHER PERSON, ONLY IAW REF. A. THIS IS DONE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA).

4.C.1. IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT, BUT HAS NOT OBJECTED, THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY REPORT TO THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, LOCATION IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND CONDITION DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS (I.E. GOOD, STABLE, FAIR, SERIOUS OR CRITICAL). IF THE INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION, NO INFORMATION WILL BE DISCLOSED. IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING A DECISION, THE NOK WILL MAKE THOSE DECISIONS UNLESS AND UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL REGAINS THAT CAPABILITY.

4.C.2. THE DISCLOSURE BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OF ANY OTHER PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION REQUIRES SPECIFIC WRITTEN PATIENT AUTHORIZATION IAW REF. A.

4.D. AFTER THE INITIAL RELEASE, THE SERVICES MAY RELEASE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CASUALTIES, CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIVACY ACT, OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND SERVICE REGULATIONS, AND REF. A TO THE EXTENT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION IS INVOLVED. GENERALLY RELEASABLE INFORMATION INCLUDES BIOGRAPHICAL DATA, SUCH AS MAJOR UNIT, AWARDS, SERVICE OR JOB SPECIALTY, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION, AGE, LENGTH OF SERVICE, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT AND REF. A.

4.E. CASUALTIES EVACUATED TO OCONUS/CONUS HOSPITALS FOR TREATMENT WILL BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE FOR REPORTING PURPOSES. CONSISTENT WITH PARA 4.C (INCLUDING SUBPARAGRAPHS C.1.AND C.2) SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICES WILL PROVIDE OASD(PA) PATIENT STATUS REPORTS AS REQUESTED. CONSISTENT WITH PARA. 4.C.1., FURTHER RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC PATIENT MAY BE MADE ONLY WITH THE PATIENT'S CONSENT, OR, IF THE PATIENT IS INCAPABLE OF GRANTING CONSENT, BY THE NOK.

4.F. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER OF DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED AT DOVER AFB IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE DECEASED'S PNOK. THERE WILL BE NO ARRIVAL CERMONIES FOR, OR MEDIA COVERAGE OF, DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL RETURNING TO OR DEPARTING FROM INTERIM STOPS, INCLUDING AIR BASES IN THE COMBAT THEATER OR RAMSTEIN AB. THIS PROHIBITION ON MEDIA COVERAGE OF MOVEMENT OF REMAINS EXCEPT AT DOVER AFB INCLUDES THE MOVEMENT OF REMAINS AT ANY POINT (E.G., FROM TREATMENT FACILITY TO TRANSPORT, FROM TRANSPORT TO INTERIM STOP, FROM INTERIM STOP TO AIRLIFT, ETC.). UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON MEDIA COVERAGE OF MEMORIAL SERVICES AT THE DUTY OR HOME STATION.

4.F.1. MEDIA ACCESS TO DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS AT DOVER AFB REQUIRES POSITIVE CONSENT BY THE PNOK. A NEGATIVE RESPONSE OR NO REPOSE MEANS THERE WILL BE NO MEDIA ACCESS TO THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER FOR THAT PNOK'S DECEASED SERVICEMEMBER.

4.F.2. IN THE CASE OF THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER OF MULTIPLE CASUALTIES FROM THE SAME AIRCRAFT AT DOVER AFB, THE MEDIA WILL ONLY BE PRESENT TO WITNESS THE TRANSFER OF THOSE DECEASED MEMBERS WHOSE PNOK AUTHORIZED ACCESS. DOVER PA PERSONNEL WILL IDENTIFY TO MEDIA THE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE IN EACH TRANSFER CASE AS THE TRANSFER TAKES PLACE.

4.F.3. FILMING OR RECORDING OF FAMILY MEMBERS DURING THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER AT DOVER AFB IS NOT PERMITTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY.

4.F.4. BASED ON FAMILY DESIRES, MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITH THE FAMILY ATTENDING THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER MAY BE FACILITATED AT ANOTHER LOCATION FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE TRANSFER.

4.F.5. MEDIA ACCESS APPROVED BY THE PNOK WILL WAIVE THE CURRENT DOD POLICY ON 24-HOUR DELAY OF RELEASE OF CASUALTY INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA AND/OR GENERAL PUBLIC. IF THE PNOK APPROVES MEDIA ACCESS OF THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER AT DOVER AFB, "BELIEVED TO BE" NAMES WILL BE RELEASED BY THE DOVER AFB PA PERSONNEL TO THOSE MEDIA WHO EXPRESS INTEREST IN COVERING THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFER AT DOVER. IN CASES WHERE THE PNOK CONSENTS TO MEDIA ACCESS AT DOVER AFB, OASD (PA) WILL FOLLOW THE DOVER PA RELEASE WITH A MORE DETAILED RELEASE UPON COMPLETION OF ALL NOK NOTIFICATION. IN CASES WHERE THE PNOK DOES NOT CONSENT TO MEDIA ACCESS AT DOVER AFB, OASD (PA) WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CURRENT POLICY OF RELEASING THE IDENTIFY OF SERVICEMEMBERS NO EARLIER THAN 24 HOURS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ALL NOK NOTIFICATION.

4.F.6. FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS AT DOVER AFB, DOVER PA SHALL ISSUE PRESS ADVISORIES AND ESCORT MEDIA ATTENDING THE TRANSFER.

4.F.6.1. DOVER PA IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE NAME, SERVICE, RANK, HOME OF RECORD AND THEATER OF DEATH OF DECEASED SERVICEMEMBERS ONCE THE PNOK HAS APPROVED MEDIA ACCESS.

4.F.6.2. IAW PARA. 4.A., OASD (PA) WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE INITIAL RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR ALL DECEASED PERSONNEL IF THE PNOK DOES NOT GRANT MEDIA ACCESS TO THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS. OASD (PA) WILL ALSO ISSUE A RELEASE IAW PARA 4.A. FOR ALL DECEASED PERSONNEL, REGARDLESS OF PREVIOUS RELEASE BY DOVER PA FOR DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS. HOWEVER, IN CASES WHERE THE PNOK HAS CONSENTED TO MEDIA ACCESS AT DOVER, OASD (PA) WILL RELEASE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ALL NOK HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, RATHER THAN WAITING 24 HOURS AFTER THE LAST NOK HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

4.G. THE USAMAAE PA AND DOVER AFB PA OFFICES, AS WELL AS THE ARMED FORCE INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY (AFIP) PAO, MAY RESPOND TO MEDIA INQUIRIES ABOUT THE MORTUARY FACILITIES AND THE GENERAL PROCESS INVOLVED WHEN REMAINS ARE RETURNED THROUGH THE FACILITIES. SERVICE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC FATALITIES, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THAT SERVICE'S PA OFFICE. ALL ANSWERS TO SENSITIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESSING OF REMAINS AND TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH OASD (PA) PRIOR TO RELEASE.

4.H. OASD (PA) HAS THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANSWERING MEDIA INQUIRIES ABOUT CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS ISSUES, INCLUDING CASUALTY ESTIMATES, MORTUARY AFFAIRS, NUMBERS OF REMAINS POUCHES AND TRANSFER CASES, ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE, NUMBERS OF MEDICAL FACILITIES



DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS, AND BURIAL SERVICES. IF MEDIA INQUIRIES ABOUT GENERAL CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS ISSUES ARE RECEIVED AND THE ANSWERS ARE KNOWN AND RELEASABLE, THE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY THE DESIGNATED SERVICE SPOKESPERSON. SERVICES MAY ANSWER SERVICE-SPECIFIC INQUIRIES. SENSITIVE ISSUES THAT HAVE DOD-WIDE IMPLICATIONS OR QUESTIONS THAT CANNOT BE ANSWERED AT THE SERVICE LEVEL SHOULD BE REFERRED TO OASD(PA).

4.I. U.S. DECEASED PERSONNEL -- KIA (KILLED IN ACTION) AND DWRIA (DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION):

4.I.1. AFTER THE INITIAL RELEASE, THE SERVICES MAY ALSO RELEASE THE NAMES, MAJOR UNIT TO WHICH ASSIGNED, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIVACY ACT, ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICEMEMBER(S).

4.I.2. REF. A PROTECTIONS CONTINUE TO APPLY AFTER DEATH. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED EXCEPT AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4.C., WITH PNOK ACTING AS THE DECISION-MAKER.

4.J. RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON ALL OTHER CATEGORIES OF U.S. CASUALTIES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

4.J.1. UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL (DUSTWUN), PRISONERS OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION (POW/MIA) AND DETAINEES :

4.J.1.A. OASD(PA) IS THE INITIAL RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR NUMBERS IN THESE CATEGORIES, AS WELL AS, AFTER NOK NOTIFICATION, THE SERVICE, RANK, AGE, HOME OF RECORD, AND NAME OF POWS/DETAINEES. FOR OPERATIONAL SECURITY, PERSONAL INFORMATION (SERVICE, RANK, NAME & AGE) OF MIAs WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THEIR STATUS IS DETERMINED. THIS INFORMATION IS WITHHELD TO PROTECT NOK, AND TO FACILITATE ONGOING ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER MISSING PERSONNEL WHEN POSSIBLE.

4.J.1.B. MIA AND DETAINEE NUMBERS MAY BE RELEASED BY THE SERVICES ONLY AFTER RELEASE BY OASD(PA).

4.J.1.C. DUSTWUN. DUSTWUN (DUTY STATUS UNKNOWN) IS A PERSONNEL TERM USED AS A TRANSITORY CASUALTY STATUS WHEN THE RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER SUSPECTS A SERVICEMEMBER MAY BE A CASUALTY WHOSE ABSENCE IS INVOLUNTARY, BUT DOES NOT FEEL SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE CURRENTLY EXISTS TO MAKE A DEFINITE DETERMINATION OF MISSING OR DECEASED. SEE THE DEFINITION AT PARA. 8.7.

4.J.2. WOUNDED IN ACTION, INJURED, AND ILL PERSONNEL:

4.J.2.A. ONCE NOK HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, SERVICES MAY RELEASE NAMES AND SERVICE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE TYPES OF INJURIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIVACY ACT, REF A (PARA 4.C. ABOVE) AND SERVICE REGULATIONS. NUMBERS MAY BE RELEASED BY THE SERVICES ONLY AFTER INITIAL RELEASE BY THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND PA.

4.J.2.B. SERVICES WILL PROVIDE OASD(PA) NUMERICAL CATEGORIC DATA ABOUT WIA, INJURED, AND ILL SERVICEMEMBERS WHEN REQUESTED AND TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIVACY ACT AND REF A. OASD(PA) WILL RELEASE THIS INFORMATION ONLY IN RESPONSE TO QUERY. NUMERICAL CATEGORIC DATA IS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE WIA, INJURED AND ILL CATEGORIES. TO COMPLY WITH REF A. AND THE PRIVACY ACT, THIS DATA

WILL NOT CONTAIN REFERENCES TO OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT IDENTIFY SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS.

5. RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING DOD CIVILIANS:

5.A. CIVILIAN CASUALTY NUMBERS WILL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS NOTED IN PARA 4.B.

5.B. RELEASE OF NAMES AND OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE NOK OF THE DECEASED.

6. RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING DOD CONTRACTORS:

6.A. CONTRACTOR CASUALTY NUMBERS WILL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS NOTED IN PARA. 4.B.

6.B. RELEASE OF NAMES AND OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE NOK OR THE ORGANIZATION/COMPANY/CONTRACTOR BY WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WAS EMPLOYED.

7. MEDIA GUIDELINES. COMMANDERS WILL FACILITATE MEDIA COVERAGE OF CASUALTIES CONSISTENT WITH PUBLISHED GUIDANCE. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES APPLY, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THEATER:

7.A. GENERAL.

7.A.1. DOD PHOTOGRAPHY OF SERVICEMEMBERS WOUNDED OR KILLED IN ACTION WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WILL NOT BE RELEASED. PHOTOS OF THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED, IN WHICH THE CASUALTY IS NOT IDENTIFIABLE MAY BE RELEASED, HOWEVER, INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TIME OR CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE PHOTO WILL ONLY BE RELEASED IN GENERAL TERMS (I.E. MORNING OR AFTERNOON; MINE ACCIDENT, TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, MORTAR ATTACK, BOMBING, ETC.).

7.A.2. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE REMINDED OF THE SENSITIVITY OF USING NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL CASUALTIES, OR PHOTOGRAPHS THEY MAY HAVE TAKEN WHICH CLEARLY IDENTIFY CASUALTIES, UNTIL AFTER NOTIFICATION OF THE NOK, OR AFTER 72 HOURS, WHICHEVER IS SOONER. PHOTOGRAPHY FROM A DISTANCE OR ANGLE AT WHICH A CASUALTY CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED IS PERMISSIBLE.

7.A.3. MEDIA VISITS TO MEDICAL FACILITIES WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES, OPERATIONS ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS BY ATTENDING PHYSICIANS. IF APPROVED, SERVICE OR MEDICAL FACILITY PA PERSONNEL MUST ESCORT MEDIA AT ALL TIMES.

7.B. SPECIFIC.

7.B.1. MEDIA COVERAGE OF WOUNDED, INJURED, AND ILL PERSONNEL:

7.B.1.A. THE GOVERNING CONCERNS ABOUT NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF WOUNDED, INJURED, AND ILL PERSONNEL IN MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ARE PATIENT WELFARE, PATIENT PRIVACY, AND NOK/FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS. MEDIA VISITS ARE AUTHORIZED TO MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES, BUT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL FACILITY COMMANDER AND ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AND MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH MEDICAL

TREATMENT. REPORTERS MAY VISIT THOSE AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE FACILITY COMMANDER. PA ESCORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MEDIA VISITS TO MEDICAL FACILITIES.

7.B.1.B. REQUESTS TO VISIT MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES IN THEATER WILL BE COORDINATED BY THE THEATER COMBATANT COMMAND PA. REQUESTS TO VISIT MEDICAL FACILITIES IN CONUS WILL BE COORDINATED BY SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS WHO MAY FURTHER DELEGATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY.

7.B.1.C. PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW OR PHOTOGRAPH A PATIENT WILL BE GRANTED ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR FACILITY COMMANDER AND WITH THE PATIENT'S INFORMED CONSENT, WITNESSED BY THE PA ESCORT. "INFORMED CONSENT" MEANS THE PATIENT UNDERSTANDS HIS OR HER PICTURE AND COMMENTS ARE BEING COLLECTED FOR NEWS MEDIA PURPOSES AND THEY MAY APPEAR WORLDWIDE IN NEWS MEDIA REPORTS. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR PA WILL ADVISE THE SERVICEMEMBER IF NOK HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

7.B.1.D. INFORMATION THAT MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE MEDIA.

7.B.1.D.1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIVACY ACT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE FURNISHED TO THE MEDIA WITHOUT THE PATIENT'S CONSENT AFTER NOK NOTIFICATION:

7.B.1.D.1.A. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, SUCH AS UNIT, AWARDS, SERVICE OR JOB SPECIALTY, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION, AGE, LENGTH OF SERVICE, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT.

7.B.1.D.1.B. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION MAY ONLY BE DISCLOSED IAW REF A (SEE PARA 4.C.).

7.B.1.E. NEWS MEDIA REQUESTS TO TRAVEL ABOARD MEDICAL FLIGHTS (ESPECIALLY TO CONUS) WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND WILL REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMAND/PA, OASD(PA), THE APPLICABLE SERVICE SURGEON GENERAL, AND AIR MOBILITY COMMAND.

7.B.1.F. COVERAGE OF THE ARRIVAL OF MEDICAL FLIGHTS TO CONUS WILL FOLLOW ESTABLISHED STANDARDS; I.E., PHOTO COVERAGE FROM A SUITABLE DISTANCE, PRESERVING PRIVACY OF PATIENT IDENTITY. INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AT THE ARRIVAL SITE OR DURING TRANSFER OF PATIENTS FROM AIRCRAFT TO MEDICAL FACILITIES.

7.B.2. INTERVIEWS WITH RETURNING U.S. POWS/DETAINEES:

7.B.2.A. INTERVIEWS AND NEWS CONFERENCES WITH RETURNED U.S. POWS/DETAINEES WILL NOT BE GRANTED UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY OASD(PA). MEDIA CONTACT WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER RETURNING PERSONNEL RECEIVE MEDICAL EVALUATION AND APPROPRIATE BRIEFINGS AND DEBRIEFINGS. THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY (JPRA) WILL BE COORDINATED WITH CONCERNING MEDIA INTERACTION WITH RETURNED DETAINEES.

7.B.2.B. RETURNING PERSONNEL WILL BE BRIEFED BEFORE MEETING WITH THE MEDIA AND ADVISED TO CONSIDER OPERATIONAL SECURITY, THE WELFARE OF OTHER RETURNED PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE SAFETY OF OTHER POWS/DETAINED PERSONNEL WHEN MAKING THEIR REMARKS.



8. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1. WHEN THE REMAINS OF A SERVICEMEMBER ARE RETURNED TO CONUS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCURING A CASKET FOR BURIAL SERVICES? IF THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED IS RESPONSIBLE AND THE DECEASED HAS NO FAMILY OR MEANS TO PROCURE A CASKET FOR BURIAL, DOES DOD BUY A CASKET FOR BURIAL?

A1. UPON RETURN OF THE REMAINS TO THE PORT OF ENTRY MORTUARY, THE FAMILY, WORKING WITH THE SERVICE OF THE DECEASED, WILL MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE FINAL BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING WHO WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATIONS OF THE REMAINS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS. THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF REMAINS IS COUNSELED ABOUT GOVERNMENT BURIAL BENEFIT ENTITLEMENTS, INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR BURIAL IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY WITH DOD-FURNISHED CASKET AND HEADSTONE. IF THERE ARE NO NOK, THE SECRETARY OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT CONCERNED WILL PAY FOR AND TAKE CARE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Q2. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A CASKET, A REMAINS POUCH, AND A TRANSFER CASE?

A2. REMAINS POUCHES ARE NORMALLY USED AS A TEMPORARY MEANS OF TRANSPORTING REMAINS FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. TRANSFER CASES ARE USED TO TRANSPORT REMAINS ABOARD MILITARY AIRCRAFT. CASKETS ARE USED FOR BURIAL.

Q3. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE NOK ABOUT A DEATH OR OTHER CASUALTY?

A3. EACH SERVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFICATION OF NOK. SERVICES HAVE ORGANIZED PROCEDURES FOR ENSURING EXPEDITIOUS AND PERSONAL NOTIFICATION. CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE PERSONNEL COMMAND FOR DETAILS.

Q4. WHERE WILL THE REMAINS ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

A4. CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR ALL REMAINS TO BE RETURNED TO DOVER AFB, DEL., OR BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE SERVICING FUNERAL HOME FROM USAMAAE, LANDSTUHL, GERMANY.

Q5. WILL THERE BE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT DOVER AFB? AT LANDSTUHL?

A5. NO. SERVICEMEMBERS WILL RECEIVE PROPER HONORS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY AT THE INTERMENT SITE. ANY MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' UNIT.

Q6. WILL NOK BE PROVIDED MILITARY TRANSPORTATION TO VISIT A SERVICEMEMBER WHO IS EVACUATED TO A MEDICAL FACILITY OUT OF THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS?

A6. THE PRIMARY NOK MAY BE ISSUED INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS IF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN DETERMINES IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RECOVERY OF THE PATIENT, AND THIS IS VERIFIED BY THE HOSPITAL COMMANDER. AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, DOD PAYS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION.

Q7. ARE THE FAMILIES OF DECEASED SERVICEMEMBERS PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE?

A7. YES, A CASUALTY ASSISTANCE OFFICER IS ASSIGNED TO HELP THE NOK WITH THE BURIAL PROCESS AND TO ENSURE NOK ARE AWARE OF AND GAINS ACCESS TO ANY ENTITLEMENTS.

8.1. COVERAGE OF TRANSFERS AT DOVER AFB



Q8. WHO WILL MAKE THE DECISION TO ALLOW MEDIA COVERAGE OF TRANSFERS OF REMAINS AT DOVER?

A8. THE PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN (PNOK) WILL MAKE THE FAMILY DECISION REGARDING MEDIA ACCESS TO DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS AT DOVER AFB.

Q9. WHAT IF FAMILY MEMBERS OTHER THAN THE PNOK DISAGREE ON MEDIA ACCESS?

A9. DOD WILL RELY ON THE PNOK TO MAKE THE DECISION ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY. IN THE LONG TERM, WE ARE LOOKING TO OBTAIN THE PREFERENCE OF EACH SERVICE MEMBER REGARDING THEIR WISHES ON MEDIA ACCESS TO DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS SHOULD THEY BECOME A CASUALTY WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY.

Q10. HOW WILL DOD HANDLE MULTIPLE DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS OFF THE SAME PLANE IN CASES WHERE FAMILIES DISAGREE ON MEDIA ACCESS?

A10. ON AIRCRAFT CONTAINING MULTIPLE REMAINS AND DIFFERENT FAMILIES' DESIRES, THE MEDIA WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO WITNESS THE DIGNIFIED TRANSFERS THAT THE RESPECTIVE PNOK CONSENT TO.

Q11. IF THE PNOK CONSENTS TO MEDIA ACCESS AT DOVER, WILL THE PERSONNEL BEING TRANSFERRED BE IDENTIFIED TO THE MEDIA?

A11. ONCE THE PNOK APPROVES MEDIA ACCESS, IT EFFECTIVELY WAIVES THE CURRENT DOD POLICY ON 24-HOUR DELAY IN RELEASE OF CASUALTY INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA AND/OR GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THAT SPECIFIC CASE. DOVER PUBLIC AFFAIRS PERSONNEL WILL PROVIDE THE NAME, RANK, MILITARY SERVICE, HOME TOWN AND THEATER OF DEATH OF THOSE CASUALTIES AT THE TIME THEY NOTIFY MEDIA OF THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF THE INBOUND FLIGHT.

Q12. WILL MEDIA ALSO BE ALLOWED TO COVER DECEASED MEMBERS DURING INTERIM STOPS, SUCH AS AT LOCATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ OR AT RAMSTEIN AIR BASE?

A12. DOD POLICY FOR ALLOWING MEDIA COVERAGE OF DECEASED MEMBERS ONLY APPLIES TO DOVER AIR FORCE BASE. THERE ARE NO PLANS AT THIS TIME TO CHANGE THE POLICY ALLOWING ACCESS TO OTHER LOCATIONS.

## 8.2. MISSING, ISOLATED, OR CAPTURED/DETAINED

Q13. WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE MISSING OR HELD CAPTIVE/DETAINED?

A13. FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, WE WILL NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITIES OF MISSING OR RESCUED PERSONNEL WHILE WE ARE ENGAGED IN HOSTILITIES. TO DO SO WOULD PUT THEM AT INCREASED RISK. THE NAMES OF PERSONNEL THAT ARE CONFIRMED TO BE CAPTURED OR DETAINED WILL BE RELEASED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

Q14. WHAT WERE THEY DOING WHEN THEY WERE (LOST, CAPTURED, ETC.)?

A14. THEY WERE PARTICIPATING IN A MISSION RELATED TO OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. WE WILL NOT DISCUSS THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THIS MISSION FOR SECURITY REASONS.

Q15. WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THEY WENT MISSING / DETAINED / CAPTURED?

A15. THERE WILL BE/THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES; WE WILL NOT SPECULATE OR COMMENT ON THAT UNTIL PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE DETAILS RELEASED.

Q16. DO WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE BEING HELD?

A16. WHAT WE MAY KNOW ABOUT THEIR LOCATION IS A MATTER OF

OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED.

Q17. WHAT IS THEIR CONDITION?

A17. WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR CONDITION, IF KNOWN. (ADD ANY SUCH INFORMATION HERE. )

Q18. (IF CAPTURED/DETAINED) HOW DO YOU EXPECT YOUR PEOPLE TO BE TREATED?

A18A. (IF ILLEGALLY DETAINED) WE EXPECT THEM TO BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. UNTIL THAT HAPPENS, WE EXPECT THEIR CAPTORS TO TREAT THEM HUMANELY.

A18B. (IF CAPTURED AND A POW) WE EXPECT OUR PEOPLE TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. AS SUCH, THEIR CAPTORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM TORTURING, PHYSICALLY ABUSING AND/OR DEPRIVING OUR PEOPLE OF FOOD, WATER AND MEDICINE. POWS ARE ALSO GUARANTEED CONTACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT.

Q19. WHAT TRAINING DO U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS UNDERGO TO DEAL WITH CAPTIVITY?

A19. ALL SERVICE MEMBERS RECEIVE TRAINING ON THE U.S. MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT, WHICH IS A MORAL GUIDE THAT HELPS MILITARY PERSONNEL ABIDE BY THE TENANTS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS, AND TO SURVIVE AND RETURN WITH HONOR. THEY ARE ALSO BRIEFED ON THEIR RIGHTS AS PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

Q20. WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR THE FAMILIES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS?

A20. THE MILITARY SERVICES PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THESE FAMILIES. FAMILIES OF MISSING OR DETAINED SERVICE MEMBERS ARE AFFORDED THE APPROPRIATE AND ESSENTIAL CARE BEFITTING THE SITUATION, INCLUDING ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION POSSIBLE.

Q21. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND RETURN OF THESE PEOPLE?

A21. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND RETURN OF OUR PEOPLE. GOING INTO ANY SPECIFICS COULD COMPROMISE OUR ACTIVITIES AND PLACE OUR PEOPLE IN UNNECESSARY DANGER.

### 8.3. RECOVERY (RESCUE) AND REPATRIATION.

Q22. WHO WAS RECOVERED (RESCUED) OR RETURNED?

A22. FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, WE WILL NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITIES OF RECOVERED (RESCUED) PERSONNEL WHILE WE ARE ENGAGED IN HOSTILITIES. TO DO SO WOULD PUT THEM AT INCREASED RISK.

Q23. HOW WERE THEY RECOVERED (RESCUED)/RETURNED)? WHERE WERE THEY RECOVERED (RESCUED) OR RETURNED FROM?

A23. IN GENERAL, WE WILL NOT DISCUSS OPERATIONAL DETAILS SURROUNDING THE RESCUE OR RECOVERY OF DETAINED INDIVIDUALS TO PRESERVE OPERATIONAL SECURITY.

Q24. WHAT ABOUT FUTURE RECOVERY (RESCUE) ATTEMPTS?

A24. WE WILL NOT DISCUSS FUTURE RESCUE OR RECOVERY MISSIONS TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL SECURITY. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE U.S. HAS A FORMIDABLE CAPABILITY TO RECOVER CAPTURED OR DETAINED INDIVIDUALS, AND WILL USE THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR RELEASE AND RETURN.



Q25. WHAT IS REPATRIATION?

A25. REPATRIATION IS THE DECOMPRESSION/DEBRIEFING AND REINTEGRATION OF THE RETURNEE. THIS PROCESS INCLUDES SEVERAL CRITICAL PHASES THAT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY POST-MISSION DEBRIEFINGS OF PERSONNEL AND TO ENSURE THE POTENTIALLY DAMAGING EFFECTS OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AND FAMILY ADJUSTMENT ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED. MEDIA AVAILABILITY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES REMAIN SUBORDINATE TO MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND PROVIDING CARE AND SUPPORT TO THE RETURNEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. A FACT SHEET COVERING THE DETAILS OF THIS REPATRIATION PROCESS, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR EACH PHASE CAN BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST.

## 9. DEFINITIONS.

9.1. CAPTURED: PERSONNEL SEIZED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS OF AN UNFRIENDLY MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY FORCE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

9.2. CASUALTY: ANY PERSON WHO IS LOST TO THE ORGANIZATION BY HAVING BEEN DECLARED DEAD, DUTY STATUS - WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN (DUSTWUN), EXCUSED ABSENCE - WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN (EAWUN), MISSING, ILL, OR INJURED.

9.3. CASUALTY CATEGORY: A TERM USED TO SPECIFICALLY CLASSIFY A CASUALTY FOR REPORTING PURPOSES BASED UPON THE CASUALTY TYPE AND THE CASUALTY STATUS. CASUALTY CATEGORIES INCLUDE KILLED IN ACTION, DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION, AND WOUNDED IN ACTION.

9.4. CASUALTY TYPE: A TERM USED TO IDENTIFY A CASUALTY FOR REPORTING PURPOSES AS EITHER A HOSTILE CASUALTY OR A NONHOSTILE CASUALTY.

9.5. DETAINED: PREVENTED FROM PROCEEDING OR RESTRAINED IN CUSTODY FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OR OTHER REASON CLAIMED BY A GOVERNMENT OR GROUP UNDER WHICH THE PERSON IS HELD.

9.6. DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION: A CASUALTY CATEGORY APPLICABLE TO A HOSTILE CASUALTY, OTHER THAN THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ACTIVITY, WHO DIES OF WOUNDS OR OTHER INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION AFTER HAVING REACHED A MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY. ALSO CALLED DWRIA.

9.7. DUTY STATUS - WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN: A TRANSITORY CASUALTY STATUS, APPLICABLE ONLY TO MILITARY PERSONNEL, THAT IS USED WHEN THE RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER SUSPECTS THE MEMBER MAY BE A CASUALTY WHOSE ABSENCE IS INVOLUNTARY, BUT DOES NOT FEEL SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE CURRENTLY EXISTS TO MAKE A DEFINITE DETERMINATION OF MISSING OR DECEASED. ALSO CALLED DUSTWUN.

9.8. EXCUSED ABSENCE - WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN: AN ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS, APPLICABLE ONLY TO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, THAT IS USED WHEN THE RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER SUSPECTS THE EMPLOYEE MAY BE A CASUALTY, WHOSE ABSENCE IS INVOLUNTARY, BUT DOES NOT FEEL SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE CURRENTLY EXISTS TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF MISSING OR DECEASED. ALSO CALLED EAWUN.

9.9. HOSTILE CASUALTY - A PERSON WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ACTIVITY OR WHO BECOMES A CASUALTY "IN ACTION." "IN ACTION" CHARACTERIZES THE CASUALTY AS HAVING BEEN THE DIRECT RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION, SUSTAINED IN COMBAT OR RELATING THERETO, OR SUSTAINED GOING TO OR RETURNING FROM A COMBAT MISSION PROVIDED THAT THE OCCURRENCE WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HOSTILE ACTION. INCLUDED ARE PERSONS KILLED OR WOUNDED MISTAKENLY OR ACCIDENTALLY BY FRIENDLY FIRE DIRECTED AT A HOSTILE FORCE OR WHAT IS THOUGHT TO BE A HOSTILE FORCE.

9.10. ILLEGALLY DETAINED: CAPTURED OR DETAINED BY A GROUP NOT RECOGNIZED AS A STATE OR GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

9.11. KILLED IN ACTION - A CASUALTY CATEGORY APPLICABLE TO A HOSTILE CASUALTY, OTHER THAN THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ACTIVITY, WHO IS KILLED OUTRIGHT OR WHO DIES AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS OR OTHER INJURIES BEFORE REACHING A MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY. ALSO CALLED KIA.

9.12. MISSING: INDIVIDUALS NOT PRESENT FOR DUTY DUE TO APPARENT INVOLUNTARY REASONS AND THEIR LOCATION IS UNKNOWN.

9.13. MISSING IN ACTION: NOT PRESENT DUE TO HOSTILE ACTIVITY AND THEIR LOCATION IS UNKNOWN.

9.14. NONHOSTILE CASUALTY - A PERSON WHO BECOMES A CASUALTY DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES NOT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOSTILE ACTION OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE TERM INCLUDES INJURIES FROM ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESSES DUE TO ORGANIC HEALTH CONDITIONS (E.G., HEART ATTACK, STROKES, ETC.)

9.15. PERSONNEL RECOVERY: ALL POLITICAL, MILITARY, OR CIVIL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OR RECOVERY OF PERSONNEL, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, WHO ARE CAPTURED, MISSING, OR ISOLATED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A GOVERNMENT ASSIGNED MISSION.

9.16. REPATRIATION: THE PROCESS OF RETURNING U.S. MILITARY, DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW), HELD HOSTAGE BY TERRORISTS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, DETAINED IN PEACETIME BY A HOSTILE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, EVADING ENEMY CAPTURE, OR WERE OTHERWISE MISSING UNDER HOSTILE CONDITIONS. THE TERM MAY ALSO BE USED FOR THE RETURN OF REMAINS.

9.17. WOUNDED IN ACTION - A CASUALTY CATEGORY APPLICABLE TO A HOSTILE CASUALTY, OTHER THAN THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ACTIVITY, WHO HAS INCURRED AN INJURY DUE TO AN EXTERNAL AGENT OR CAUSE. THE TERM ENCOMPASSES ALL KINDS OF WOUNDS AND OTHER INJURIES INCURRED IN ACTION.

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