

ACTION MEMO

April 9, 2015

FOR: PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

THROUGH: DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

FROM: DIRECTOR, PRESS OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Review of DoD Directive 1300.22, "Mortuary Affairs Policy" (PA000110-15)

DISCUSSION:

- At TAB A is the updated DoD Directive (DoDD) 1300.22, "Mortuary Affairs Policy." This update includes two key changes: it establishes the Central Joint Mortuary Affairs Board (CJMAB), and cancels the Secretary of the Army's designation as DoD Executive Agent for Mortuary Affairs. SECARMY still retains more responsibilities than other Service Secretaries.
- A review of the DoDI found no critical or substantive issues for OSD(PA). No direct responsibilities are assigned to ATSD(PA). While there has been media interest in the past concerning DoD mortuary affairs, no media attention is anticipated when this DoDD released and published on the DoD Issuance website.
- DPO will be prepared to answer any media queries when the DoDD is publically released.

RECOMMENDATION: PDASD(PA) concur without comment on DoDD 1300.22 by signing the SD Form 106 at TAB B.

Prepared by:

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