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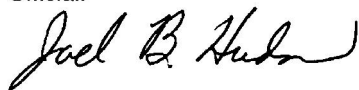
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History. This is a revision of this publication. Because the publication has been extensively revised, the changed portions have not been highlighted.

Summary. This regulation prescribes policies for the care and disposition of remains of deceased personnel for whom the Army is responsible (part I, chaps 1–16) and for the disposition of personal effects of deceased and missing personnel (part II, chaps 17–20). This regulation implements United States Code, sections

1481 through 1488, 1490, 2572, and 4712 of title 10; sections 411f, 551, 552, and 554 of title 37; sections 5561, 5564, 5742, 8102, 8134, and 8140 of title 5; and Public Law 93–257.

Applicability. This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve. This regulation is applicable during full mobilization.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER). The DCSPER has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulation. The DCSPER may delegate this approval authority in writing to a division chief within the proponent agency in the grade of colonel or the civilian equivalent.

Army management control process. This regulation contains control provisions and identifies key management controls that must be evaluated.

Supplementation. Supplementation of

this regulation and establishment of command and local forms are prohibited without prior approval from the Commander, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC–PED–F), Alexandria, VA 22331–0482.

Suggested Improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Form) directly to Commander, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC–PED–F), Alexandria, VA 22331–0482.

Committee Continuance Approval. The DA Committee Management Officer concurs in the continuance of the Casualty and Memorial Affairs Board of Officers.

Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media only and is intended for command levels B, C, D, and E for Active Army and command level E for the Army National Guard of the U.S. and the U.S. Army Reserve.

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*This regulation supersedes Army Regulation 638–2, dated 9 February 1996.

- a. Armed services specifications, when practicable (specifications, terms, and conditions should be propositioned with potential sources whenever possible, with evaluation of capability), or other description of services.
- b. Casket requirements.
- c. Other required end items as appropriate.
- d. Transportation requirements.
- e. Recommended source or sources. (If only one source is known to be available, that fact should be stated.)
- f. Estimated cost.
- g. DD Form 2062 or 2063, whichever is applicable.

5-12. Contract administration responsibilities

If the contracting officer, or a CAC personnel as his or her duly authorized representative, cannot go immediately to the place of death, he or she will telephone the funeral director and make interim arrangements for care of the remains. The contractor will be required to submit a DD Form 2063. The COR is responsible for inspection of remains, casket, and outer shipping container as prescribed above.

Chapter 6

Mortuary Services Provided by Armed Services Mortuary Facilities Outside of the United States

Section I

Operation of Mortuaries outside of the United States

6-1. General

The Army, Navy, and Air Force have established armed services mortuary facilities outside of the United States. These facilities are established to provide mortuary services for eligible deceased personnel when local commercial mortuary services are not available or cost prohibitive. Establishment or disestablishment of armed services mortuary facilities will be coordinated at the Departmental level.

6-2. Operation of Army mortuary facilities

a. *Operations.* Army mortuary facilities will be in operation 7 days a week. Mortuary supplies and transfer cases will be provided through regular supply channels under prescribed tables of allowances. See table 6-1 for a list of mortuary supplies and equipment; this table is located at the end of this chapter. Eligible remains will be received, identified, prepared, and shipped as expeditiously as possible.

b. *Areas of responsibility.* Directors of mortuary affairs will know their geographic areas of responsibility for mortuary services outside the United States. They will keep copies of current directives outlining these areas; one copy will be sent to CDR, PERSCOM (TAPC-PED-F), Alexandria, VA 22331-0482.

c. *Staffing.* Civilian embalmers will be employed to staff Army mortuaries outside of the United States.

6-3. Eligible deceased entitled to services in an Army mortuary

a. *At Government expense or on a reimbursable basis.* In an Army mortuary outside of the United States, services and supplies are authorized for eligible deceased personnel described in chapter 2 and table 2-1, either at Government expense or on a reimbursable basis as indicated.

b. *Common-Service basis.* Remains of military service members who die on active duty or eligible civilian employees of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force may be prepared in Army mortuaries on a common-Service basis. Commanders will issue necessary instructions or will enter into inter-Service support agreements with other components or agencies serviced, as appropriate, in implementing this responsibility.

6-4. Authorization and use of specification caskets in Army mortuaries outside of the United States

a. The Army mortuaries outside of the United States will maintain an adequate stock of both specification wood and metal caskets (standard and oversized) with shipping containers to meet anticipated requirements. These caskets may be provided by Army mortuaries outside the United States at Government expense or on a reimbursable basis for burial of remains of eligible deceased persons outside the United States.

b. When a casket larger than the standard oversize is needed for deceased personnel entitled to a casket at Government expense, it may be purchased locally.

6-5. Authorization and use of transfer cases in Army mortuaries

Army commands in areas outside the United States in which an Army mortuary has been established will maintain a minimum number of transfer cases under operating levels established by CDR, PERSCOM (TAPC-PED-D), to