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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Rescinding of Army Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (ATTP) 4-46.1, Processes to Support the Identification of Deceased Personnel

1. The Quartermaster (QM) School is the proponent for Mortuary Affairs doctrinal publications. As such, the QM School has been responsible for preparing the doctrinal publication on the processes to support the identification of deceased personnel. As part of the cyclical doctrinal review process, ATTP 4-46.1 is scheduled for an update and conversion to an Army Techniques Publication in CY14.
2. During the review process, the Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC) has requested to rescind ATTP 4-46.1. In accordance with DoD Directive 1300.22e, Mortuary Affairs Policy, dated May 25, 2011, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner (AFME) serves as the DoD scientific authority for the identification of remains of DoD affiliated personnel in current deaths and of other deceased individuals for whom a death certificate has not been issued. The AFME uses best practices from the scientific and medical examiner community and does not use the ATTP 4-46.1. Enclosed is a memorandum from the AFME concurring with the rescinding of this manual.
3. The Quartermaster School was formerly responsible for Graves Registration operations, which required use of this manual up through the Vietnam War. With the establishment of the AFME System, AFME assumed the responsibility for scientific identification and Mortuary Affairs soldiers no longer perform scientific identification tasks. As the responsible agency for positive identification procedures, future guidance should come from the AFME.
4. I approve rescinding ATTP 4-46.1 in order to prevent conflicting guidance and confusion in the field. Point of contact for this action is Ms. Lee Green, Director, JMAC, 1840 Quartermaster Road, Fort Lee, VA 23801-1606, at telephone (804)734-3831/DSN 687, or email lee.c.green.civ@mail.mil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Department of the Army, US Army Quartermaster School, Joint Mortuary Affairs Center, ATTN: Director, 1840 Quartermaster Road, Fort Lee, VA 23801

SUBJECT: Request to Rescind Army Manual on Identification of Deceased Personnel

1. Per your request, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner's (AFME) office has conducted an initial review of Army Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (ATTP) 4-46.1, Processes to Support the Identification of Deceased Personnel and requests the manual be rescinded.
2. In accordance with DoD Directive 1300.22e, Mortuary Affairs Policy, dated May 25, 2011, the AFME serves as the DoD scientific authority for the identification of remains of DoD affiliated personnel in current deaths and of other deceased individuals for whom a death certificate has not been issued.
3. As part of our responsibility to perform positive identification of remains, AFME uses best practices from the academic, scientific, and medical examiner communities and does not use the ATTP 4-46.1. While the manual contains information that may have been useful in the past, the AFME now provides training for MA Soldiers as part of the Dover portion of the Program of Instruction (POI), using best practices for identification procedures. The manual itself is obsolete as a source of guidance and may cause confusion in the field.
4. If you have questions, please contact my office at (302)346-8648.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Tremaine", written over a large, stylized flourish.

**LADD A. TREMAINE
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