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7000. GENERAL

1. This chapter contains guidance for performing funeral honors ceremonies; funeral honors support reporting requirements, and the conduct of Marine Corps birthday ceremonies in honor of deceased former Commandants and Sergeants Major of the Marine Corps. For purposes of this chapter, the CMC (MRC) is also referred to as the Service Honors Coordinator (SHC).
2. The Marine Corps renders appropriate MFH to honor deceased Marines upon request from the next of kin (NOK). Marine Corps participation is primarily for the family's benefit; consequently, their wishes should be followed whenever possible, within applicable regulations. The NAVMC 2691, Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual, provides guidance for providing appropriate MFH.
3. The CMC (MRC), as the SHC, has sole responsibility for the coordination and assignment of MFH support within the Marine Corps. As MFH support is a total force mission, any Marine Corps activity having sufficient assets to provide MFH support will be tasked. Exceptions to policy should be addressed to the CMC (MRC). Upon receipt by the CMC (MRC), each MFH support tasking will be assigned to the Marine Corps activity closest to the burial/interment location.
4. In cases where multiple Marine Corps activities are located within close geographic proximity of one another, every attempt will be made to rotate MFH support requests equitably between each. The CMC (MRC) should be advised of any coordinated agreements between Marine Corps activities located in the same geographic area.
5. Marine Corps activities receiving funeral honors support requests, clearly falling within its area of responsibility (AOR), will provide support without prior coordination with the CMC (MRC). If the burial/interment location is not in the Marine Corps activity's AOR, contact the responsible Marine Corps activity or the CMC (MRC) to coordinate support.
6. Marine Corps activities will provide support regardless of mileage; and support will not be based upon status of the deceased, decorations awarded, combat service, or time in service.



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SECTION 1: FUNERAL HONORS SUPPORT

7100. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

1. Funeral Honors Detail. Per 10 U.S.C. 1491, the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) shall ensure that, upon request of the next of kin (NOK), a funeral honors detail is provided for the funeral of any veteran.

2. Composition of Funeral Honors Details

a. The Secretary of each military department shall ensure that a funeral honors detail for the funeral of a veteran consists of two or more persons.

b. At least two members of the funeral honors detail shall be members of the Armed Forces, at least one of who shall be a member of the Armed Force of which the veteran was a member. The remainder of the detail may consist of members of the Armed Forces or members of veterans' organizations or other organizations approved under regulations prescribed by the SECDEF. Each member of the Armed Forces in the detail shall wear the uniform of the member's Armed Force while serving in the detail.

3. Ceremony. A funeral honors detail shall, at a minimum, perform at the funeral a ceremony that includes the folding of a United States flag, and presentation of the flag to the veteran's family, and the playing of Taps. Unless a bugler is a member of the detail, the funeral honors detail shall play a recorded version of Taps using audio equipment that the detail shall provide, if adequate audio equipment is not otherwise available for use at the funeral.

4. Support. To provide a funeral honor detail, the Secretary of a military department may provide material, equipment, and training for members of a veteran organization or other organization approved by the SECDEF.

5. Waiver Authority

a. The SECDEF may waive any requirement when the Secretary considers it necessary to do so to meet the requirements of war, national emergency, or a contingency operation or other military requirements. The authority to make such a waiver may not be delegated to an official of a military department, other than the Secretary of the military department, and may not be delegated within the Office of the SECDEF to an official at a level below Under SECDEF.

b. Before or promptly after granting a waiver, the Secretary shall transmit a notification of the waiver to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

6. Regulations. The SECDEF shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Those regulations shall include the following:

a. A system for selection of units of the Armed Forces and other organizations to provide funeral honors details.

b. Procedures for responding and coordinating responses to requests for funeral honors details.

c. Procedures for establishing standards and protocol.

d. Procedures for providing training and ensuring quality of performance.

7. Annual Report. The SECDEF shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report not later than January 31 of each year beginning with 2001 and ending with 2005 on the experience of the DOD. Each report shall provide data on the number of funerals supported; the cost for that support, shown by manpower and other cost factors; and the number and costs of funerals supported by each participating organization. The data in the report shall be presented in a standard format, regardless of military department or other organization.

8. Veteran Defined. The term veteran means a decedent who:

a. served in the active military, naval, or air service (as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(24)) and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable; or

b. was a member or former member of the Selected Reserve described in 38 U.S.C. 2301(f).

#### 7101. ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL

1. Upon request of the NOK, MFH support will be provided to the following eligible Marine Corps personnel:

a. Active duty;

b. Reserve;

c. Retired; or

d. **HONORABLY** separated veterans.

2. For requests involving members of another branch of service, see paragraph 7105.

3. At the discretion of local commanders, a burial detail consisting of body bearers may be authorized in cases involving civilian personnel when warranted.

7102. INELIGIBLE PERSONNEL

1. MFH support will not be provided in cases of any personnel when:

- a. the Marine or another service member dies in a deserter status; or
- b. the deceased was discharged under other than honorable (OTH), bad conduct (BCD), or dishonorable (DD) conditions; or
- c. the deceased was convicted of a capital offense under Federal or state law for which the deceased was sentenced to death or life imprisonment without parole.

2. MFH support will not normally be provided in cases involving Marines or other personnel when the circumstances surrounding the death discredit the Marine Corps.

7103. VERIFICATION OF HONORABLE SERVICE

1. Marine Corps policy, as outlined in paragraphs 7101 and 7105, is to provide MFH support to active duty, retired, Reserve, and veterans whose last period of service was honorable. Honorable service, in the case of veterans, must be verified by one of the following:

- a. DD Form 214,
- b. Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) (if recently separated),
- c. VA letter, or
- d. Honorable Discharge Certificate.

2. In the case of active duty and reserve personnel, honorable service verification is not required; however, paragraphs 7102 and 7104 apply.

3. Verification in the case of retired Marines may be obtained via the MCTFS, if verified by the MCTFS, other means of verification are not necessary.

4. Primarily, verification of honorable service is provided by the deceased's family via the funeral director. In some cases, it may be necessary to assist the family member or funeral director in obtaining honorable service verification due to lost or destroyed separation documents. Assistance in obtaining separation information may be obtained by contacting the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) or the CMC (MRC).

#### 7104. DENIAL OF FUNERAL HONORS SUPPORT

1. Marine Corps activities may disapprove all MFH support requests for ineligible personnel, as outlined in paragraph 7102.1, without the written approval of the CMC.

2. In all other cases (paragraph 7102.2), only the CMC or the designee, the Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (DC, M&RA), may deny a request for MFH support.

3. Marine Corps activities in receipt of MFH support requests, which believe the request should be denied, must forward a recommendation for denial of MFH support by facsimile to the CMC (MRC). An official response, to render or deny MFH support, will be provided once determination has been made by the CMC or DC, M&RA.

#### 7105. FUNERAL HONORS SUPPORT INVOLVING MEMBERS OF ANOTHER SERVICE

1. Upon request, the Marine Corps will render/assist in MFH support for a service member of another branch of service (e.g., corpsman, chaplain, etc.) provided:

- a. The service member served with the Marine Corps.
- b. The service member was honorably separated.

2. When another branch of service is unable to provide MFH support for any of its members and that service request assistance from the Marine Corps, every attempt will be made to do so, within constraints of available resources. Assistance from the Marine Corps does not in anyway relieve the requesting service from participating in or providing at least one service member, as required by law, to attend the burial/inurnment services.

3. Any Marine Corps activity receiving requests for MFH support from a funeral director or family member of a service member of another service branch, other than outlined in paragraph 7105.1, should take the following action as appropriate.

- a. Determine if the parent service has been contacted for MFH support. If not, be proactive and help facilitate contact with the service concerned.

b. If the service concerned has been contacted, explain to the caller, the service concerned has overall responsibility for providing MFH support for its members, and any request for Marine Corps augmentation or assistance must come from the service concerned. The Marine Corps' policy is not to interfere with another service's procedures unless requested by the service concerned.

4. When handling MFH support requests, be respectful, sincere, and proactive. Refer all questionable cases to the CMC (MRC).

#### 7106. MINIMUM FUNERAL HONORS SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. Marine Corps policy and tradition has been to provide the maximum number of personnel when rendering MFH at any burial/inurnment. Marine Corps activities will provide MFH support within the constraints of available resources. MFH support consisting of two persons, as required by 10 U.S.C. 1491, **will be the exception** rather than the norm.

2. If the Marine Corps activity is unable to support a request for MFH support, find another Marine Corps activity that is available to provide support. Assistance should be requested from the nearest Marine Corps activity or the CMC (MRC).

3. Funeral honors may be conducted by fewer personnel when assigned personnel perform more than one function; i.e., body bearers also perform the rifle detail, etc. Commanders will ensure that assigned personnel are sufficiently trained to perform MFH support functions.

7107. COMPOSITION OF FUNERAL HONORS DETAIL. The optimum number of personnel when providing MFH support is 17; consisting of:

- a. six body bearers;
- b. seven person firing detail (may be augmented by body bearers) and a noncommissioned officer in charge (with sword, if available);
- c. a bugler (or substitute, such as a civilian musician or, as a last resort, a professional quality tape recording);
- d. an officer in charge (OIC) (or staff noncommissioned officer) of equal or higher grade than the deceased (if possible) to act as the CMC's representative and present the burial/memorial flag to the NOK; and
- e. a military chaplain (preferably Navy, if available, and if the NOK requests).

7108. CEREMONIES AT GRAVESIDE AND CHAPEL SERVICES. A properly executed funeral ceremony has significant impact on the family, community, and the Marine Corps' reputation. On the other hand, any lack of care in executing funeral ceremonies may have a far-reaching negative impact. The sequence of events described below should be followed when possible, but may be adjusted when necessary (e.g., no body bearers, only two persons to fold the flag, etc.) to ensure a professional and dignified service.

1. Graveside Service

a. The OIC, chaplain, and firing detail are positioned per figure 7-1. Within terrain constraints, the firing detail should stand in a position as to be seen by the family, and at least 50 feet away so that the volleys will not startle mourners.

b. The OIC moves to a location best suited for controlling the hearse placement. All salute as the hearse approaches. Once the hearse has stopped, the OIC comes to order arms and then returns to the chaplain's left side. (A military chaplain, if in uniform and not in vestments, will execute a hand salute whenever the OIC salutes the flag as it is moved and during the volleys and Taps; civilian clergy may place their right hand over the heart in lieu of a salute.)

c. The body bearers move directly behind the hearse.

d. The civilian funeral director usually places the family near the rear of the hearse. When the funeral director is ready, the OIC commands the body bearers to remove the remains (commands should be audible only to the Marines executing them) and as the body bearers remove the casket, the OIC commands "hand salute." The casket is carried feet first and, if necessary, turned about only at the grave. (A Marine will carry each the cremated remains and flag. The Marine holding the flag will walk to the right of the cremated remains up to the grave. The other four body bearers are in position at the grave, and when the urn is placed on the bier, the six body bearers will unfold the flag, hold it at waist level, and continue the ceremony.)

e. After the cremated remains/casket is removed from the hearse, the chaplain faces toward the grave and walks ahead of the remains to the grave.

f. The OIC comes to order arms and follows the casket.

g. Family and friends follow the OIC.

h. The OIC and chaplain position themselves at the head of the grave and render a hand salute until the casket is in place on the bier.

i. The body bearers gently place the casket on the bier, lift the flag up to waist height, and step back slightly in order to make the flag taut. This position is held until after Taps (unless doubled as the firing detail, in which case they place the flag back on the casket and proceed to their positions in the firing detail before the chaplain begins the service).

j. The family is seated and the service begins. Ensure the funeral director places the NOK receiving the flag in the seat closest to the head of the grave.

2. Chapel Service. If there is a chapel service ceremony and no military funeral at the grave (e.g., remains are not recovered or family desires Marines at the chapel service only), the rifle salute, playing of Taps, and presentation of the burial/memorial flag will take place outside the chapel following the service. If there is no firing detail or bugler, present the flag to the designated NOK inside the chapel immediately following the benediction. In any case, coordinate the ceremony with the chaplain or minister prior to the start of the service.

### 3. Honors

a. At the grave, the chaplain conducts the service and then steps aside.

b. The funeral director asks the family to stand.

c. The OIC turns and signals the firing detail by hand salute to begin the volleys. The OIC then returns to order arms, faces the grave, commands hand salute, and holds his or her salute until Taps has been played.

d. The firing detail fires three volleys and then presents arms.

e. The bugler plays Taps.

f. After Taps, the OIC, chaplain, and firing detail come to order arms and the body bearers fold the flag (see figure 7-2) and pass it to the body bearer standing at the deceased's right shoulder.

g. The OIC approaches the body bearer holding the flag and salutes.

h. The body bearer hands the flag to the OIC and salutes.

i. The OIC takes the flag left hand over right, presents the flag to the designated NOK using the words from paragraph 7110.3, steps back, and salutes. The OIC then removes the glove from his or her right hand and expresses personal condolences to the NOK. At this point, military honors are completed, and the chaplain usually offers condolences to the NOK. The OIC and the funeral detail should then quietly and ceremonially depart the

area. Except for religious ceremonies, family prayers, or eulogies, no other ceremonies may be conducted during the military portion of the funeral. After the military portion of the ceremony is over, the family may desire to have other ceremonies conducted (e.g., Masonic ceremonies, bagpiper, etc.).

#### 4. Fraternal Organizations Participation

a. Fraternal or semi-military organizations of which the deceased was a member may participate in the service if desired by the family.

b. If the ritual is military or semi military, the rites will begin immediately after the military ceremony. If it includes the firing of three volleys and Taps, these features of the military ceremony may be postponed until their appropriate places in the ritual, at which time the military firing party and bugler may render the honors.

#### 7109. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

1. Ceremonial participants will wear the seasonal Blue Dress "A" or "B" with a mourning band on the left sleeve, if available. To facilitate a greater number of personnel available to provide MFH, if assigned personnel do not possess the Blue Dress uniform, the Service "A" uniform is authorized for wear. Participants will all wear the same uniform.

2. All other military personnel in attendance may wear the seasonal Blue Dress or Service "A" uniform.

3. Commanders are authorized to deviate from the above, as required.

#### 7110. BURIAL/MEMORIAL FLAGS

1. By law, deceased veterans are entitled to one burial/memorial flag. Remains will usually arrive for burial with the casket already draped with a burial/memorial flag obtained by the funeral director or Mortuary Affairs Representative (in the case of active duty Marines). If required, a burial/memorial flag may be obtained:

a. from the nearest DoVA Regional Office by completing the VA Form 21-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes; or

b. from any U.S. Post Office; or

c. through the normal supply system (NSN 8345-00-656-1432). Marine Corps activities should keep a limited supply of flags on hand for burial purposes.

2. Upon completion of the burial ceremony, the burial/memorial flag should be presented to the NOK. Where two relatives have equal rights (parents), present the flag to the elder. Situations may arise requiring multiple flags be presented (separated or divorced parents). Request for multiple flags should be honored when possible and within reason.

3. Present the burial/memorial flag(s) to the designated person using words to this effect:

"On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and a grateful Nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation of your (relationship) service to Country and Corps."

4. During the service, whether at the grave or chapel, drape the flag over the casket. In some cases, it may be prudent to pre-fold the flag (e.g., there are flowers covering the casket). A pre-folded flag will be placed on the casket as close to the heart as possible. If it is impossible to place the flag on the casket, or the remains are cremated, the Marine Corps representative will hold the flag during the ceremony. Never place anything on top of the flag.

5. When undercover, always salute the burial/memorial flag when it is moved with the casket and after presentation.

7111. FLORAL TRIBUTES. See chapter 5.

7112. FUNERAL HONORS SUPPORT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Per 10 U.S.C 1491, all military departments shall submit specified data on MFH support provided to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).

2. All funeral honors support provided by any Marine Corps activity must be reported to the CMC (MRC). Upon completion of the burial/inurnment, or not later than three 3 days thereafter, complete figure 7-3 and fax or email to the CMC (MRC).

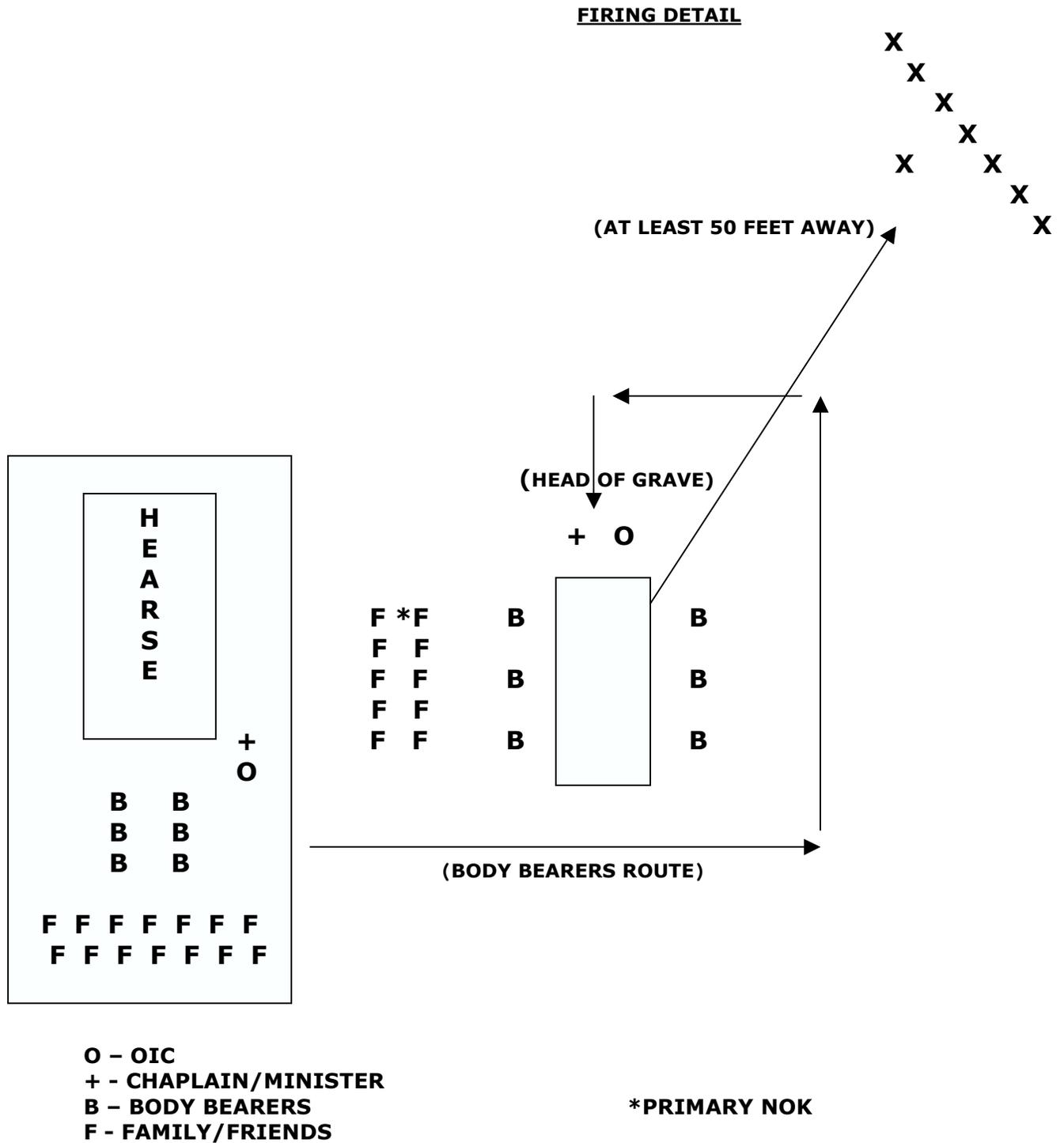
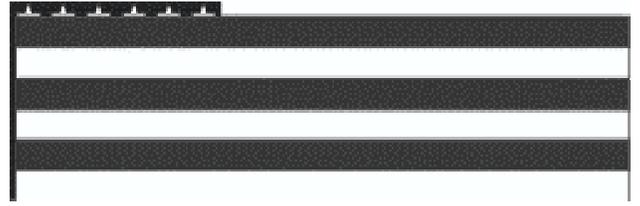


Figure 7-1.--Basic Ceremonial Positions.

1. To fold the flag, bring the striped half up over the blue field.



2. Then fold it in half again.



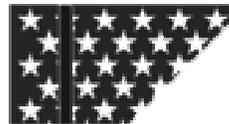
3. Bring the lower striped corner to the upper edge, forming a triangle.



4. Then fold the upper point in to form another triangle. Continue until the entire length of the flag is folded.



5. When near the end—nothing but the blue field showing—tuck the last bit into the other folds to secure it.



6. The final folded flag resembles a cocked hat with only the white stars on a blue field showing.



Figure 7-2.--Folding the United States Flag.

***Fax this form to the CMC (Casualty Section (MRC)) upon completion of MFH @ (703) 784-9823. For questions, contact the CMC (MFH Section) @ 866-826-3628 or DSN 378-9524.***

**Deceased Marine's Information**

Unit MFH POC: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

RUC/MCC: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Burial: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery: National \_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_

**Funeral Honors Performed**

**Elements Provided**

{Check Appropriate Boxes}

Military

VSO

Other  
Authorized  
Provider

Family  
Declined

Flag Presentation:

Taps Bugler:

Taps Recording:

Taps Not Provided:

Firing Party:

Pall Bearers:

Chaplain:

Flyover:

Additional Elements \*:

\* {Color Guard, Drill Unit, Caisson, etc.}

**Number of Military Members**

USMC: \_\_\_\_\_ USMCR: \_\_\_\_\_ Navy: \_\_\_\_\_ Army: \_\_\_\_\_ National Guard: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Force: \_\_\_\_\_ Coast Guard: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of VSO Detail Members**

American Legion: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans of Foreign Wars: \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam Veterans of America: \_\_\_\_\_

AMVETS: \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ Marine Corps League: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Other Authorized Provider Detail Members:**

ROTC: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Bugler: \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Retirees, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Time For Detail** to accomplish funeral honors (round to the nearest hour): \_\_\_\_\_

{Detail as a unit, NOT sum of all unit member hours.}

Figure 7-3.--Funeral Honors Reporting.

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7200. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY TRADITION. Since 10 November 1954, wreath-laying ceremonies honoring former Commandants have been conducted at their gravesides or other designated places. These ceremonies are a continuing part of the Marine Corps' birthday tradition.

7201. RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITIES. A ceremony will be conducted annually on 10 November at the graveside/memorial of deceased former Commandants and Sergeants Major of the Marine Corps by the responsible activities listed in figures 7-4 and 7-5.

7202. CONDUCT OF CEREMONIES

1. Ceremonies will be conducted as follows:

a. The ceremonial party will consist of a field grade officer (OIC), a noncommissioned officer, and a bugler. The uniform is the Blue Dress "A" or "B" without arms, or the appropriate inclement weather uniform, as prescribed by the commander.

b. Although local conditions may require variations, the following procedures will be used where possible:

(1) Upon arrival of the party at the graveside/memorial, the bugler will be posted a short distance from and facing the grave; the OIC will take a position at or near the foot of the grave, facing toward the headstone; and the noncommissioned officer with the wreath will take a position beside the grave, prepared to deliver the wreath to the OIC when appropriate.

(2) The OIC will uncover and stand in silent meditation for approximately 1 minute. The OIC will then cover, and taking the wreath from the noncommissioned officer, places it on the grave. When the wreath has been placed, the OIC will step back one pace; and in unison with the noncommissioned officer, render a hand salute. The bugler will then sound Taps. At the conclusion of Taps, the bugler will render a salute. All then terminate their salutes. The party departs the graveside via the most direct route.

2. Commanders are authorized to perform more elaborate ceremonies at their own discretion, if personnel assets are available.

7203. PURCHASE OF FLORAL WREATHS

1. Activities tasked with conducting the ceremony will procure a floral wreath, at a cost not to exceed \$81.00, for use in the ceremony for each former Commandant or Sergeant Major.

2. The vender should be advised to mail or fax the invoice to the CMC (Financial Management Branch (MRF)) (see appendix B for address and fax number). The invoice must contain the following statement, "floral wreath for graveside ceremony of (Grade and Name) former (Commandant or Sergeant Major) of the Marine Corps".

7204. MAINTENANCE OF GRAVES/MEMORIALS

1. If upkeep of the Commandant or Sergeant Major's grave/memorial is not otherwise provided, those activities responsible for the annual ceremony are also responsible for the maintenance of the grave/memorial.

2. Activities should notify the CMC (MRC) if available resources are insufficient to maintain the grave/memorial.

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<u>COMMANDANT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY</u>
<p>Major Samuel Nicholas                      Service: 28 November 1775 - 28 November 1781</p> <p>Died: 27 August 1790                      Memorial Plaque: Hollenback Center, University of Pennsylvania                      Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Naval ROTC Unit                      University of Pennsylvania                      Philadelphia, PA</p>
<p>Lieutenant Colonel William Ward Burrows                      Service: 12 July 1798 - 6 March 1804</p> <p>Died: 6 March 1805                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Lieutenant Colonel Franklin Wharton                      Service: 7 March 1804 - 1 September 1818</p> <p>Died: 1 September 1818                      Interred: Old Trinity Church Yard                      New York, NY</p>	<p>Headquarters                      1st Marine Corps                      District                      Garden City, NY</p>
<p>Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Gale                      Service: 3 March 1819 - 16 October 1820</p> <p>Died: 1843                      Interred: Unknown</p>	
<p>Brigadier General Archibald Henderson                      Service: 17 October 1820 - 6 January 1859</p> <p>Died: 6 January 1859                      Interred: Congressional Cemetery                      Washington, DC</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Colonel John Harris                      Service: 7 January 1859 - 12 May 1864</p> <p>Died: 12 May 1864                      Interred: Oak Hill Cemetery, 30th &amp; R Streets, N.W.                      Washington, DC</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Brigadier General Jacob Zeilin                      Service: 10 June 1864 - 31 October 1876</p> <p>Died: 18 November 1880                      Interred: Laurel Hill Cemetery                      Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Inspector-Instructor                      Staff                      Philadelphia, PA</p>

Figure 7-4.--List of Deceased Former Commandants of the Marine Corps.

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<u>COMMANDANT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY</u>
<p>Colonel Charles G. McCawley                      Service: 1 November 1876 - 29 January 1891</p> <p>Died: 13 October 1891                      Interred: Abington Presbyterian Church                      Rosemont, PA</p>	<p>MAG-49                      NAS Willow Grove                      Willow Grove, PA</p>
<p>Major General Charles Heywood                      Service: 30 January 1891 - 2 October 1903</p> <p>Died: 26 February 1915                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Major General George F. Elliott                      Service: 3 October 1903 - 30 November 1910</p> <p>Died: 4 November 1931                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Major General William P. Biddle                      Service: 3 February 1911 - 24 February 1914</p> <p>Died: 25 February 1923                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Major General George Barnett                      Service: 25 February 1914 - 30 June 1920</p> <p>Died: 27 April 1930                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Major General John A. Lejeune                      Service: 1 July 1920 - 4 March 1929</p> <p>Died: 20 November 1942                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>

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<u>COMMANDANT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY</u>
<p>Major General Wendell C. Neville                      Service: 5 March 1929 - 8 July 1930</p> <p>Died: 8 July 1930                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Major General Ben H. Fuller                      Service: 9 July 1930 - 28 February 1934</p> <p>Died: 8 June 1937                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Major General John H. Russell                      Service: 1 March 1934 - 30 November 1936</p> <p>Died: 6 March 1947                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Lieutenant General Thomas Holcomb                      Service: 1 December 1936 - 31 December 1943</p> <p>Died: 24 May 1965                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>General Alexander A. Vandegrift                      Service: 1 January 1944 - 31 December 1947</p> <p>Died: 8 May 1973                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>General Clifton B. Cates                      Service: 1 January 1948 - 31 December 1951</p> <p>Died: 4 June 1970                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>

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<u>COMMANDANT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY</u>
<p>General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.                      Service: 1 January 1952 - 31 December 1955</p> <p>Died: 6 August 1990                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Gen Randolph McCall Pate                      Service: 1 January 1956 - 31 December 1959</p> <p>Died: 31 July 1961                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>General David M. Shoup                      Service: 1 January 1960 - 31 December 1963</p> <p>Died: 13 January 1983                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.                      Service: 1 January 1968 - 31 December 1971</p> <p>Died: 6 January 2000                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Gen Robert E. Cushman, Jr.                      Service: 1 January 1972 - 30 June 1975</p> <p>Died: 2 January 1985                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>

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<u>SERGEANT MAJOR</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY</u>
<p>Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick                      Service: 23 May 1957 - 31 August 1959</p> <p>Died: 10 July 1972                      Interred: Alta Mesa Memorial Park                      Palo Alto, CA</p>	<p>Inspector-Instructor                      Staff                      San Jose, CA</p>
<p>Sergeant Major Francis D. Rauber                      Service: 1 September 1959 - 28 June 1962</p> <p>Died: 19 February 1991                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Sergeant Major Thomas J. McHugh                      Service: 29 June 1962 - 16 July 1965</p> <p>Died: 21 February 2000                      Interred: Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery                      Jacksonville, NC</p>	<p>Marine Corps Base                      Camp Lejuene, NC</p>
<p>Sergeant Major Herbert J. Sweet                      Service: 17 July 1965 - 31 July 1969</p> <p>Died: 18 June 1998                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>
<p>Sergeant Major Leland D. Crawford                      Service: 16 August 1979 - 27 June 1983</p> <p>Died: 16 February 1993                      Interred: Rosecrans National Cemetery                      San Diego, CA</p>	<p>Marine Corps Recruit                      Depot                      San Diego, CA</p>
<p>Sergeant Major Clinton A. Puckett                      Service: 1 February 1973 - 31 May 1975</p> <p>Died: 3 September 2002                      Interred: Arlington National Cemetery                      Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Marine Barracks                      Washington, DC</p>

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