

The grief felt by the loss of an Airman ripples throughout the Air Force. As painful as a loss is to our community, it pales by comparison to the grief surviving loved ones experience. The information presented in this pamphlet provides an overview of entitlements for surviving family members of fallen active duty (and their dependents), retiree, and veterans of the Armed Forces. Specifics regarding Mortuary Affairs program eligibility and entitlements are detailed in Air Force Instruction 34-242.

The Installation Mortuary Affairs Officer is the only person authorized to provide the entitlements briefing to surviving next of kin. However, it is necessary for all to have an understanding of Mortuary and Honor Guard entitlements. Thus, the installation commander appoints a military volunteer, the Family Liaison Officer (FLO), as the official link between the family and the Air Force.

Personal care of and attention to the surviving family is a proud military tradition taken seriously by those in command. Thus, the FLO interfaces with the family until an accident investigation board is complete or the family no longer wants unsolicited contact. The FLO provides any and all assistance required by the surviving family members, including working with support agencies that administer benefits following the death of a DoD member.

## Important Points of Contact

Mortuary Affairs Officer  
850-884-5190  
Fax: 850-884-5010  
Cell: 850-240-4802

Mortuary NCOIC  
850-884-2100  
Fax: 850-884-3132  
Cell: 850-240-6477

Honor Guard NCOIC  
850-884-5330/7583  
Fax: 850-884-7581  
Cell: 850-685-8159

Command Post  
850-884-8100

Air Force Aid  
(Airman and Family Readiness Center)  
850-884-5441/5442

Chaplain  
850-884-7795

Casualty Affairs  
850-884-5280

Call Command Post for current listing  
of Mortuary Duty Personnel



1st Special  
Operations Force  
Support Squadron



MORTUARY  
AFFAIRS



Current as of: 01/15/10. Subject to change without notice.

## **MORTUARY AFFAIRS ELIGIBILITY**

### **ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS AS PER AFI: 34-242**

- Active duty members of the regular Air Force.
- Air Force Reserve & Air National Guard who die while on active duty or during inactive training, while en route to or from active duty or training, or while hospitalized or undergoing treatment for a medical condition aggravated by or incurred while on active duty or inactive training.
- Cadets of the Air Force Academy or members and applicants accepted into the Air Force ROTC who die while attending training camp, while hospitalized for a medical condition aggravated by or incurred during training, or while en route to or from training.
- Accepted applicants for enlistment and are under the jurisdiction of the United States Air Force.
- Any person discharged (not retired) from active duty while a patient in a U.S. government hospital and who remained a patient in the hospital at date of death.



## **HURLBURT FIELD HONOR GUARD**

It is our patriotic duty to bid an honorable farewell to our fallen airmen – those heroes who gave their life in selfless service to their country. Authorized honors are:

### **ACTIVE DUTY OR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT**

22 Person Detail:

- 8 Person Firing Party
- 6 Pallbearers
- 4 Color Guard Members
- 1 Bugler
- 2 Shadow Box Bearers
- 1 OIC/NCOIC

### **RETIREES**

7 Person Detail:

- 6 Person Firing Party/Pallbearers
- 1 Bugler

### **VETERANS**

2 Person Detail:

- Flag Folding and Presentation
- Playing of Taps (live when possible)

## **MORTUARY AFFAIRS ENTITLEMENTS**

### **ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS**

- Full military honors
- Government furnished headstone and interment in a government cemetery
- Flag, hardwood flag case, memorial register
- A summary court officer
- One escort
- Transportation of remains
- Primary costs (funeral)
- Secondary costs (interment)

### **Retirees**

- Standard military honors at internment
- Government furnished headstone and interment in a government cemetery
- Flag, hardwood flag case, memorial register
- One escort
- Transportation of remains
- Primary costs (funeral)
- Secondary costs (interment)

### **Veterans**

- Flag presentation at internment

### **Dependents of USAF Active Duty Members**

- Deceased dependents entitled to limited transportation expenses of remains
- Refer to AFI-34-242 for eligibility

