



Military Community & Family Policy

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Update

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Casualty, Mortuary Affairs, and Military Funeral Honors program is to provide oversight of DoD and Service policies pertaining to casualty, mortuary, and military funeral honors programs and to provide authorized and necessary assistance to eligible family members of deceased, missing, ill, or injured personnel. Assistance may include, but is not limited to: transportation assistance; applying for and receiving benefits and entitlements; obtaining copies of records, reports, and investigations; legal assistance; receipt of personal effects; mortuary, burial, and funeral honors assistance; relocation assistance, including shipment of household goods; liaison with other federal agencies; information and referral, including emotional and spiritual support, and other assistance as requested.

2nd Quarter CY 2019

- Fatalities: 444
- Wounded/Ill: 770
- Missing: 0
- Military Funeral Honors Provided: 129,579





Survivor Input

- Military OneSource
- Survivor Survey
- Gold Star and Surviving Family Member Representative Program
- Facebook Live events
- Service Casualty Office/Long Term Care
- DoD/VA Survivor's Forum
- Non-Governmental Organization events
- Office of Survivor Assistance, Department of Veterans Affairs
- Family Member Updates



Governance

- Casualty Advisory Board (CAB)
- Central Joint Mortuary Affairs Board (CJMAB)
- Cemetery Management Board (CMB)
- Defense Human Resources Board (DHRB)
- Gold Star & Surviving Family Member Representative Program



Update

- New etutorial available on Military OneSource about investigations involving the death of a loved one
- Survivor Survey
- The Days Ahead Binder and A Survivors Guide to Benefits
 - 2019 Revision published with new section for Suicide Survivors
 - Working Group
 - 9 survivors whose loved one died within last 3 years & used the binder
 - Contact Lisa Valentine at 571-372-5319 or lisiane.m.valentine.civ@mail.mil
- Staffing:
 - Revision to DoD Instruction 1300.18 and Directive-type Memo 16-003
 - New Instructions on the DoD Mortuary Affairs Program and DoD Cemeteries



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Questions?

