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## AR 15-6 COLLATERAL INVESTIGATION FOR ALL HOSTILE FIRE DEATHS

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- A. AR 600-8-1, ARMY CASUALTY PROGRAM (30 APRIL 2007).
- B. AR 15-6, PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND BOARDS OF OFFICERS (2 OCTOBER 2006).
- C. DOD INSTRUCTION 1300.18, MILITARY PERSONNEL CASUALTY MATTERS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES (18 DECEMBER 2000).
- D. PUBLIC LAW 102-484, SURVIVOR NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS TO REPORTS RELATING TO SERVICE MEMBERS WHO DIE.
- E. ALARACT MSG 142/2006, COMPLIANCE WITH AR 600-8-1, REQUIREMENT FOR COMMANDERS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALL HOSTILE DEATHS.
  - 1. THIS MESSAGE REEMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE FOR COMMANDERS OF ALL ARMY ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENT UNITS THAT DEPLOY INTO THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM AREA OF OPERATIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN PARAGRAPH 2-9 H, AR 600-8-1, TO INITIATE AN AR 15-6 COLLATERAL INVESTIGATION (FORMAL OR INFORMAL) OF ALL HOSTILE DEATHS. COMMANDERS WILL FORWARD FINAL REPORTS TO CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER (CMAOC) VIA SIPR AT [TAGCASU@HRC.ARMY.SMIL.MIL](mailto:TAGCASU@HRC.ARMY.SMIL.MIL).
  - 2. COMMANDERS WILL REPORT THE DATE THE UNIT INITIATED THE INVESTIGATION AND THE DATE OF ITS COMPLETION USING THE DEFENSE CASUALTY INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM (DCIPS), CASUALTY REPORT. USE THE REMARKS SECTION OF THE CASUALTY REPORT TO PROVIDE THESE DATES. COMMANDERS WILL SEND COMPLETED REPORTS TO CMAOC NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE COMMANDER WILL PROVIDE CMAOC WITH A STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE COMPLETION DATE IF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER CANNOT COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION WITHIN 60 DAYS.
  - 3. THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, (CSA) EXPECT THAT THOSE FAMILIES WHO SUFFER THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES, WILL RECEIVE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED UP TO THAT SOLDIER'S DEATH. THE CSA DIRECTED THAT SURVIVING FAMILIES BE INFORMED OF ALL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND PROVIDED WITH INSTRUCTION ON HOW THEY CAN REQUEST A REDACTED COPY OF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR LOVED ONE'S DEATH.

4. THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT UPON A PROPER REQUEST. THE UNIT IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD AND THEREFORE THE RELEASE AUTHORITY. UNITS MUST ENSURE FINAL REPORTS ARE REDACTED BEFORE RELEASE.

5. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, EVERY DECEASED CASUALTY REPORT REQUIRES A UNIT FIELD GRADE REVIEW. THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED PRIOR TO SENDING THE INITIAL CASUALTY REPORT TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE PASSED TO FAMILIES DURING NOTIFICATION. USE THE REMARKS SECTION FOR THIS INFORMATION.

6. POCS FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ABOVE ARE:

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7. EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS MESSAGE CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.