SUBJ: CASUALTY AND DECEDENT AFFAIRS – BURIAL BENEFIT INCREASE
A. COMDTINST M1770.9, Military Casualties and Decedent Affairs
B. DODI 1344.08, Interment Allowance for Deceased Military Personnel, Change 1
C. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 141557Z JUN 07/ALCOAST 298/07

1. Burial benefit (interment allowance) reimbursement limits for deaths on or after 17 April 2013:
A. CG arranges for the casket and for preparation of the remains. PADD arranges for the remains to be consigned directly for burial in a government cemetery: 2,500 dollars, max.
B. CG arranges for the casket and for preparation of the remains. PADD arranges for the remains to be consigned to a funeral home, with burial in a government cemetery: 6,000 dollars, max.
C. CG arranges for the casket and for preparation of the remains. PADD arranges for the remains to be consigned to a funeral home, with burial in a civilian cemetery: 9,000 dollars, max.
D. PADD arranges for the casket and for preparation of the remains, with burial in a government cemetery: 9,000 dollars, max.
E. PADD arranges for the casket and for preparation of the remains, with burial in a civilian cemetery: 10,500 dollars, max.
F. The word "arrange" means taking financial responsibility along with coordination.
G. Government cemeteries mentioned in 1.A, 1.B, and 1.D include both federal and state government cemeteries.
2. Use the appropriate reimbursement limit for burial in a civilian or government cemetery when burial will be performed by scattering ashes at sea.
A. Ashes scattered from a Coast Guard boat, cutter, or aircraft are reimbursed as for a government cemetery. See 1.A, 1.B, and 1.D, above.
B. Ashes scattered from a commercial vessel are reimbursed as for a civilian cemetery. See 1.C and 1.E, above.
3. The PADD may release authority to the Coast Guard to make arrangements consistent with the wishes of the family. In this case the Coast Guard will pay all reasonable expenses for a casket of standard quality, mortuary preparation of the remains, funeral and burial. The Coast Guard is not constrained by the burial allowance limits in paragraph 1, above. The limits in paragraph 1 only apply for reimbursement to the PADD or other appropriate person. Reasonable contracting procedures are still required while making arrangements consistent with the wishes of the PADD.
4. Recovery and Transportation. Recovery and transportation costs are not included in the reimbursement limits of paragraph 1. They may be reimbursed in addition to the burial benefit.
A. Recovery of remains includes complete collection of remains and their removal to a place of preparation such as a mortuary. Biohazard cleanup is authorized as needed.
B. Transportation: Expenses are authorized for removal of the remains for preparation, and transportation of prepared remains to their final resting place. Each transportation leg is included.
C. The Coast Guard may pay directly for any recovery and transportation fees, or may reimburse the PADD for reasonable expenses.

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