



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2019-34 (Offer of an Army Fatal Incident Family Brief for All Hostile Deaths Resulting From Enemy Engagement)

1. References:

a. Department of Defense Instruction 1300.18 (Department of Defense (DoD) Personnel Casualty Matters, Policies, and Procedures), January 8, 2008, Incorporating Change 1, August 14, 2009.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 (Procedures for Administrative Investigations and Boards of Officers), 1 April 2016.

c. AR 638-34 (Army Fatal Incident Family Brief Program), 19 February 2015.

2. The circumstances under which Army Fatal Incident Family Briefs on the findings of investigations conducted under AR 15-6 are presented are expanded to include when the Soldier's death results from any of the following:

a. In any action against an enemy of the United States.

b. In any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged.

c. While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

d. As the result of an act of any such enemy of opposing armed forces.

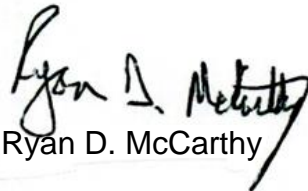
e. As the result of an act of any hostile foreign force.

f. As the result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, recognized as such an attack by the Secretary of the Army, or jointly by the Secretaries of the Services concerned, if personnel from more than one Service are wounded in the attack.

g. As a result of military operations while serving outside the territory of the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.

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3. After the appointing and/or approving authority identifies the O-6 briefer, the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Division (CMAOD), U.S. Army Human Resources Command will coordinate with the unit for brief dates and prepare and sign the statement of offer with proposed dates included. On behalf of CMAOD, the casualty assistance officer will provide the statement of offer to the primary next of kin.
4. The guidance in this directive is for Army personnel and is not intended to, and does not create, any substantial privilege or procedure, right, or benefit enforceable at law or equities for its officers, employees, or any other person. This directive applies to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.
5. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for this policy and will incorporate the provisions of this directive into AR 638-34 within 2 years from the date of this directive.
6. This directive is effective upon approval and is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.



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