



# CAC BLAST

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## **CAC BLAST: IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WHO:** ALL CAC PERSONNEL, CASUALTY ASSISTANCE OFFICERS, USAR, AND ARNG MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS COORDINATORS

**WHAT:** CLARIFICATION ON FLAG PRESENTATION DURING MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

**PURPOSE:** To debunk a recent rumor of changes to the script used during the presentation of the US Flag during MFHs

**BACKGROUND:** There have been several rumors recently of changes to the script used during the presentation of the US Flag during Military Funeral Honors (MFHs). These rumors are completely false, as there have been no changes to the script.

**GUIDANCE:** AR 600-25 (Salutes, Honors, and Visits of Courtesy) refers to FM 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremonies) for execution of Funerals.

Chapter 14-5q and 14-6d state: Upon presentation, the CAO renders appropriate remarks such as, "Sir/Ma'am, this flag is presented on behalf of a grateful nation as an expression of appreciation for the honorable and faithful service rendered by your loved one."

The DA Pam 638-2, para 10-11(b(1) states with regard to presentation of the FLAG CASE: "This flag case is presented on behalf of the Secretary of the Army ..."

CMAOC strongly recommends following the FM script during MFHs to ensure standardization.

Be advised that the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) is developing a script to be used by all Services for MFH flag presentations, but it is not expected to be finalized until December 2011 at the earliest. Additional guidance will be provided by CMAOC once the OSD script has been released.

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