

MILPERSMAN 1770-180

NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN DEPENDING UPON LOCATION OF CASUALTY

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1. Definition

a. **CONUS:** includes the 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia.

b. **Next of Kin:** See MILPERSMAN 1770-010.

2. Casualty Occurs on Board Ship which is Operating at Sea.

Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) will direct personal notification of the next of kin through the responsible CAC/FHS Program Coordinating Authority.

3. Casualty Occurs Outside of CONUS

a. If the next of kin resides in the immediate vicinity of the command or naval activity, the member's commanding officer is responsible for affecting personal notification and providing the follow-up official confirmation letter.

b. If the next of kin resides overseas, beyond the immediate vicinity of the command or activity, NAVPERSCOM will direct personal notification through the naval or military activity closest to the next of kin. The naval or military activity affecting the personal notification is responsible for notifying the member's commanding officer that the personal notification has been completed.

c. If the next of kin resides within CONUS, NAVPERSCOM will direct the responsible CAC/FHS Program Coordinator to affect personal notification.

4. Casualty Occurs in CONUS

a. If the next of kin resides in the immediate area of the activity or command's current location, the member's commanding officer is responsible for affecting both the personal notification and providing the official condolence letter.

b. If the next of kin resides within CONUS but outside the immediate vicinity of the command, the member's commanding officer will initiate notification by relaying the required information to the responsible CAC/FHS Program Coordinating Authority(ies) in order for the CAC/FHS to arrange personal notification of the next of kin. Upon completion of the personal notification, the activity affecting the notification will inform the member's commanding officer by telephone.

c. If the next of kin resides outside CONUS, NAVPERSCOM will direct the closest naval or military activity to affect personal notification.