

## MILPERSMAN 5360-020

### CHAPLAIN (RESERVE COMPONENT) SUPPORT OF MILITARY FUNERALS

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<b>References</b>	(a) DODD 1300.15 of 11 Jan 01 (b) 10 U.S.C. 1491 (c) SECNAVINST 1001.33C (d) BUPERSINST 1001.39D (e) Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1, Chapter 7, Part G
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1. **Purpose**. To provide authorization and procedures for Reserve component chaplains to receive service credit, pay, allowances, and reimbursement for travel when conducting military funerals.

2. **Background**

a. Reference (a) establishes policy and responsibilities for members of the Ready Reserve including Reserve component chaplains who volunteer to participate in military funeral honors. Reference (b) specifies that members of the armed forces in military funeral honor details shall wear the uniform of the member's military service while serving in the detail.

3. **Policy**

a. The services of a Navy chaplain should be provided, per request of the next of kin, at the funeral of Department of the Navy personnel whose death occurs while on active duty, who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, or who were military retirees. The services of a Navy chaplain may be provided, per request of the next of kin, at the funeral of veterans who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable per reference (a).

b. Under references (a), (c), and (d), a Reserve component chaplain who is in the Selected Reserves (SELRES) or a member of a Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) is authorized one drill point,

pay, allowances, and travel for performing military funeral honors. The performance of funeral honors does not count towards the annual training requirement under reference (c).

#### 4. Responsibilities

a. The Regional Funeral Honors Program Coordinator may authorize payment and reimbursement for travel.

b. In order to receive pay and service credit chaplains are responsible for reporting the performance of funeral honors to the Naval Reserve activity that holds their record.

#### 5. Action

a. Next of kin, or their authorized representative, desiring chaplain support for military funeral honors should submit requests to the Regional Funeral Honors Program Coordinator. The request should specify the religion of the decedent.

b. The Regional Funeral Honors Program Coordinator will coordinate chaplain support through the Regional Chaplain.

c. Payment of travel, pay, and allowances will be made per references (b), (d), and (e). Reference (d) specifies that members of the Reserve component who perform funeral honors in a funeral honors duty status 50 or more miles from the member's residence are entitled to travel and transportation allowances.

d. Participation by Reserve component chaplains in the military funeral support program is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged.