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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 001-08

From: Commanding General
To: Installation Commanders

Subj: MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS EAST (MCIEAST) POLICY FOR
REPORTING DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND LINE OF DUTY
DETERMINATIONS

Ref: (a) JAGMAN
(b) MCO P5102.1B

1. Purpose. To provide policy and procedures for reporting to the Commanding General, MCIEAST the death of Naval servicemembers and civilian personnel and line of duty/misconduct determinations in MCIEAST active duty death cases.

2. Background

a. Per reference (a), section 0220, a line of duty determination is required whenever an active duty servicemember of the Naval service dies. This direction is provided in order to make decisions concerning eligibility and annuity calculations under the Uniformed Services Survivor Benefit Program. A preliminary inquiry must be conducted into the death of a member of the Naval service or into the death of a civilian aboard a place under Naval control. At the conclusion of the preliminary inquiry (can be an oral report), the commander must determine his options under section 0203h (2) of reference (a) and report that decision to the next superior in the chain-of-command.

b. In addition to the reporting and investigation requirements under the JAGMAN, pursuant to reference (b), commanding officers must provide a brief to the first general officer in the chain-of-command (CG, MCIEAST) within 7 days of the death. The briefing must be provided in person or via Video Teleconferencing (VTC). The brief will include all known circumstances surrounding the death and measures identified to prevent recurrence. The CG, MCIEAST or his designee will then brief his chain-of-command and the Assistant Commandant of the

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Marine Corps (ACMC) on or before the 8th day following the death.

3. Policy. The following reporting requirements are effective immediately.

a. All MCIEAST Installation Commanders will immediately notify the CG, MCIEAST of any military or civilian death within their command.

b. As soon as practical, but no later than 5 days following the death, the MCIEAST Installation Commander will provide a brief, in person or via VTC, to the CG, MCIEAST as to the status of the investigation and all known facts pertaining thereto.

c. Prior to the installation commander making the formal line of duty determination in active duty death cases, the installation commander will provide a subsequent briefing to the CG, MCIEAST in person or via VTC.

d. This policy is applicable to all tenant commands administratively attached to a MCIEAST Installation.

4. Point of Contact. The point of contact for this information is the MCIEAST, Staff Judge Advocate, at DSN 751-5502 or (910) 451-5502.

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