

Summary Report for Individual Task
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Manage Disinterment Tasks.
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Condition: As an evacuation/mortuary platoon sergeant. Given approval from the geographic combatant commander to conduct disinterment tasks, guidance from TMAO/JMAO, JP 4-06, TG 195, interred human remains, interment case files, grid coordinates of interment site, GPS, external support personnel, hand tools, human remains pouches, personal effects bags, plastic slide closure bags, metal processing tags, anti-pilferage seals, litters, DD Forms 1075, 1076, 1079, and personal protective equipment. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

Standard: Manage Disinterment Tasks within guidelines established in JP 4-06 and TG 195.

Special Condition: None

Safety Risk: Low

MOPP 4: Sometimes

Task Statements

Cue: None

DANGER
None

WARNING
None

CAUTION
None

Remarks: None

Notes: None

Performance Steps

1. Receive approval to conduct disinterment from geographic combatant commander.
 - a. Coordinate forensic anthropologist to conduct the following.
 - (1) Verify chain of custody.
 - (2) Minimize postmortem damage.
 - (3) Mitigate commingling human remains.
 - b. Verify responsibility of the following.
 - (1) Geographic combatant commander.
 - (a) Approve disinterment of US human remains.
 - (b) Approve return of US human remains to United States or servicing mortuary for disposition.
 - (2) Theater mortuary affairs officer (TMAO)/Joint mortuary affairs officer (JMAO).
 - (a) Monitor tasks.
 - (b) Coordinate support.
 - (c) Provide special guidance.
 - (3) Mortuary affairs lead Service.
 - (a) Coordinate disinterment tasks within their operational area.
 - (b) Manage disinterment tasks within their operational area.
 - (c) Provide specialized equipment.
 - (d) Provide personnel.
 - (e) Provide other support as necessary.
 - (f) Obtain documents from TMAO/JMAO necessary during disinterment.
 - c. Enforce wearing of personal protective equipment in accordance with component Service health and safety guidance.
 - d. Verify location of each row utilizing a GPS.
 - e. Coordinate for chaplain to provide religious support or have senior military person lead personnel in 60 seconds of silence.
 - f. Monitor opening of row from either end utilizing a backhoe.
 - g. Enforce using hand tools to remove dirt from human remains pouch.

- h. Monitor personnel matching interment processing tag with DD Form 1079.
- i. Verify completion of new DD Form 1079.
- j. Verify creation of disinterment processing tag for each human remains.
- k. Verify attachment of disinterment processing tag to human remains pouch or shroud.
- l. Determine if sifting of area surrounding human remains pouch or shroud is necessary.
- m. Verify removal of human remains by litter.
- n. Verify evacuation of human remains to an adjacent mortuary affairs collection point.
- o. Maintain communications as necessary.

2. Close the disinterment site.

- a. Verify all rows are open.
- b. Verify removal of all human remains pouches and/or shrouds.
- c. Monitor refilling of rows.
- d. Submit a site closure report through command channels to TMAO/JMAO that addresses.

(1) Disinterment of all US human remains.

(2) Condition of restored and vacated land.

(3) If non-US human remains still interred at site.

Note: Maintain site if operationally feasible or until transfer of custody to appropriate government if non-US human remains still interred at site.

- e. Verify delivery of disinterment documents to TMAO/JMAO by special courier.

Note: TMAO/JMAO will send original documents of all disinterments conducted by US forces to JMAC for archival.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

Evaluation Guidance: Score the NCO a Go if they successfully complete all steps. Score the NCO a NO-GO if they fail to complete any step. If the NCO fails any step, show what they did wrong and how to do it correctly.

Evaluation Preparation: Use a predetermined site. Provide the NCO with required personnel and equipment to perform the task. If using mannequins for training purposes, ensure handling as if they are actual fatalities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Received approval to conduct disinterment from geographic combatant commander.			
a. Coordinated forensic anthropologist to conduct the following.			
(1) Verified chain of custody.			
(2) Minimized postmortem damage.			
(3) Mitigated commingling human remains.			
b. Verified responsibility of the following.			
(1) Geographic combatant commander.			
(a) Approved disinterment of US human remains.			
(b) Approved return of US human remains to United States or servicing mortuary for disposition.			
(2) Theater mortuary affairs officer (TMAO)/Joint mortuary affairs officer (JMAO).			
(a) Monitored tasks.			
(b) Coordinated support.			
(c) Provided special guidance.			
(3) Mortuary affairs lead Service.			
(a) Coordinated disinterment tasks within their operational area.			
(b) Managed disinterment tasks within their operational area.			
(c) Provided specialized equipment			
(d) Provided personnel.			
(e) Provided other support as necessary.			
(f) Obtained documents from TMAO/JMAO necessary during disinterment.			
c. Enforced wearing of personal protective equipment in accordance with component Service health and safety guidance.			
d. Verified location of each row utilizing a GPS.			
e. Coordinated for chaplain to provide religious support or had senior military person lead personnel in 60 seconds of silence.			
f. Monitored opening of row from either end utilizing a backhoe.			
g. Enforced using hand tools to remove dirt from human remains pouch.			
h. Monitored personnel matching interment processing tag with DD Form 1079.			
i. Verified completion of new DD Form 1079.			
j. Verified creation of disinterment processing tag for each human remains.			
k. Verified attachment of disinterment processing tag to human remains pouch or shroud.			
l. Determined if sifting of area surrounding human remains pouch or shroud was necessary.			
m. Verified removal of human remains by litter.			
n. Verified evacuation of human remains to an adjacent mortuary affairs collection point.			
o. Maintained communications as was necessary.			
2. Closed the disinterment site.			
a. Verified all rows were opened.			
b. Verified removal of all human remains pouches and/or shrouds.			
c. Monitored refilling of rows.			
d. Submitted a site closure report through command channels to TMAO/JMAO that addressed.			
(1) Disinterment of all US human remains.			
(2) Condition of restored and vacated land.			
(3) If non-US human remains still interred at site.			
e. Verified delivery of disinterment documents to TMAO/JMAO by special courier.			

Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	JP 4-06	Mortuary Affairs in Joint Operations	Yes	Yes
	TG 195	Safety and Health Guidance for Mortuary Affairs Operations	Yes	No

Environment: Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to FM 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations and GTA 05-08-002 ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT.

Safety: In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with ATP 5-19, Risk Management. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection, FM 3-11.5, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination. Strict adherence to sanitary measures while processing human remains and personal effects. Rubber gloves will be used when handling human remains. All personnel handling human remains and personal effects will wash their hands with soap and water. Litters and other equipment will be thoroughly scrubbed. These precautions are required to prevent the spread of disease and contamination. When handling human remains personal hygiene and safety must be maintained as they pertain to the practices of personal environmental disinfection and decontamination by practitioners of mortuary services. The wearing of protective clothing, as required by the Armed Forces Public Health Guidelines, such as surgical gowns, gloves, N-95 masks (cotton and/or OSHA type oral nasal, goggles and/or glasses) will minimize transmission of infectious agents associated with the medical and paramedical environments. Mortuary affairs personnel should also receive an annual physical examination and adhere to an effective program of routine prophylactic immunizations.

Prerequisite Individual Tasks : None

Supporting Individual Tasks : None

Supported Individual Tasks : None

Supported Collective Tasks : None