

Summary Report for Individual Task
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Develop Procedural Guidance on Disposition of Non-US Human Remains and Decedent Effects
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Condition: As a Mortuary Affairs NCO assigned to a brigade or higher level staff, tasked with developing procedural guidance for the disposition of non-US human remains and decedent effects. Given standardized agreements, local policies, JP 4-06, TG 195, and guidance from theater mortuary affairs office. This task should not be trained in MOPP 4.

Standard: Develop procedures for the disposition of non-US human remains and decedent effects within the operational environment, utilizing referenced publications and guidance from the theater mortuary affairs office.

Special Condition: None

Safety Risk: Low

MOPP 4: Never

Task Statements

Cue: None

DANGER
None

WARNING
None

CAUTION
None

Remarks: None

Notes: None

Performance Steps

1. Ensure proper disposition of adversary and local national human remains and decedent effects:

a. Coordinate with theater mortuary affairs office for return of adversary and local national human remains and decedent effects to the host nation government.

b. Provide guidance to TMEP to ensure that enemy combatants and local national human remains are treated with the same care and respect afforded US or partner nation human remains.

c. Coordinate with TMEP to ensure adversary and local national human remains are stored in separate refrigerated units from those used for US or partner nation.

d. Utilize international agencies for coordination of HN/local national human remains repatriation into local control (i.e., Red Crescent/International Red Cross).

2. Ensure proper disposition of multinational partner human remains and decedent effects:

a. Ensure the handling of multinational partner human remains is in accordance with established international agreements or STANAGs in place.

b. Ensure that if no standing agreements or policies are in place, then use current US policy and procedures for handling US human remains.

c. Ensure multinational partner human remains are accorded the same care and respect given to US human remains

d. Verify TMEP coordinates through the TMAO and embassies for repatriation of these human remains and decedent effects to the country of origin.

3. Ensure proper disposition of detainee human remains and decedent effects:

a. Verify that the US commander of the facility or US unit exercising custody over the human remains reports the death to the responsible investigative agency and TMAO.

b. Verify that the TMAO and investigative agency contacts Armed Forces Medical Examiner to determine whether performance of an autopsy necessary.

c. Verify that the investigative agency representative accompanies the detainee human remains to the nearest MACP for transport and evacuation in accordance with geographic combatant commander's policies and procedures.

d. Ensure that mortuary affairs personnel do not process detainee human remains.

e. Ensure TMEP personnel place detainee human remains in a human remains pouch with minimal handling, seal and prepare for transport.

(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
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b. Provided guidance to TMEP to ensure that enemy combatants and local national human remains were treated with the same care and respect afforded US or partner nation human remains.			
c. Coordinated with TMEP to ensure adversary and local national human remains were stored in separate refrigerated units from those used for US or partner nation.			
d. Utilized international agencies for coordination of HN/local national human remains repatriation into local control (i.e., Red Crescent/International Red Cross).			
2. Ensured proper disposition of multinational partner human remains and decedent effects:			
a. Ensured the handling of multinational partner human remains were in accordance with established international agreements or STANAGs in place.			
b. Ensured that if no standing agreements or policies were in place, then used current US policy and procedures for handling US human remains.			
c. Ensured multinational partner human remains were accorded the same care and respect given to US human remains			
d. Verified TMEP coordinated through the TMAO and embassies for repatriation of these human remains and decedent effects to the country of origin.			
3. Ensured proper disposition of detainee human remains and decedent effects:			
a. Verified that the US commander of the facility or US unit exercising custody over the human remains reported the death to the responsible investigative agency and TMAO.			
b. Verified that the TMAO and investigative agency contacted Armed Forces Medical Examiner to determine whether performance of an autopsy was necessary.			
c. Verified that the investigative agency representative accompanied the detainee human remains to the nearest MACP for transport and evacuation in accordance with geographic combatant commander's policies and procedures.			
d. Ensured that mortuary affairs personnel did not process detainee human remains.			
e. Ensured TMEP personnel placed detainee human remains in a human remains pouch with minimal handling, sealed and prepared for transport.			

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.

Prerequisite Individual Tasks : None

Supporting Individual Tasks : None

Supported Individual Tasks : None

Supported Collective Tasks : None