

ELECTION FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS FROM A THEATER OF COMBAT OPERATIONS

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

Authority: Title 10 USC, Sections 1481 through 1488

Principal Purpose: To record air transportation of remains desired by the person authorized to direct disposition of remains (PADD).

Routine Uses: By Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force to document and authorize actions necessary to return the remains.

Disclosure: Disclosure of requested information is voluntary. Without disclosure your desires may not be recorded and accommodated.

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle Initial)	SERVICE / RANK OF DECEASED	SSN OF DECEASED
TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PADD		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
COMPLETE ADDRESS OF PADD		PHONE NUMBER(S)

As the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) of remains, I acknowledge the air transportation options available to me, and my choice is reflected below.

Option 1 _____ Initials	I direct that the remains be transported by military / military contracted aircraft to an airport or military base appropriate to the receiving funeral home or interment site.
Option 2 _____ Initials	I direct that the remains be transported by commercial aircraft to an airport appropriate to the receiving funeral home or interment site.
<u>NOTES:</u>	

GENERAL WAIVER _____ Initials	In the unlikely event that the choice of air transportation selected above is delayed due to circumstances beyond the military Services' control, I authorize the military Service to arrange other transportation, if required, to ensure the timely arrival of my loved one's remains.
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Authorization of PADD and Witness

SIGNATURE OF PADD	DATE
TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF WITNESS	
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE

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Points listed below are provided to aid Casualty Assistance Officers or Mortuary Affairs Officers in explaining to the person authorized to direct disposition (PADD) the air transport options for remains of Service members who die in a combat theater of operations.

- All remains of Service members who die in a combat theater of operations are brought to the mortuary facility at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, for identification and final preparation.
- The person authorized to direct disposition (PADD) provides written instructions to the Military Service indicating where he/she wants the remains returned.
- If the transportation of remains requires transportation by air, legislation requires that the Armed Services provide military aircraft or military contracted aircraft, unless otherwise directed by the PADD, to the destination selected by the PADD.
- The aircraft will depart from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware and arrive at the nearest useable military or civilian airport servicing the location selected by the PADD for funeral services.
- Military air or military contracted air is not as robust as scheduled aircraft through the commercial airline industry, but may fly to non-commercial airports that are more direct and closer to the final destination. Commercial flights are generally more available but are limited to commercial airports which may not be closest to the final destination.
- CJMAB Form 4 has been developed to document the PADD's air transport decision. The form has two options and a General Waiver.
 - Option 1 directs military airlift support to the airport nearest to the funeral home, or interment site selected by the PADD, as can be accomplished by the Services.
 - Option 2 allows for the transportation of remains by Commercial airlines however, flights are limited to commercial airports which may not be the closest location to the receiving funeral home.
 - A notes section is provided to record any known comments or wishes of the PADD; especially if there is a specific military or commercial airfield that the PADD would prefer as a first option.
 - General waiver allows the appropriate Service to select the method of transportation which will return the Service member in the most expeditious manner.
- The PADD will be kept fully informed of the transportation schedule to include date, time and location of arrival of remains.