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SUBJECT: FAMILY NOTIFICATION OF UNIT MEMORIAL SERVICES AND DEDICATION
CEREMONIES AT THE HOME STATION

A. ALARACT MSG 126/2008, SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN, DTG 132250ZMAY08

B. THE JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOLUME 1, UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE ARMY'S COVENANT WITH ITS FAMILIES AND REFERENCE A, THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND SECRETARY OF THE ARMY WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS ARE MADE TO FEEL A PART OF OUR ARMY FAMILY FOR AS LONG AS THEY DESIRE. THEREFORE, IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS RAISED BY GOLD STAR FAMILIES, THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS DIRECTED THAT UNITS PLANNING TO CONDUCT A UNIT MEMORIAL SERVICE OR DEDICATION CEREMONY AT THE HOME STATION INFORM THEIR SURVIVING FAMILIES OF THE PLANNED EVENT SO THAT FAMILIES INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE EVENT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SHOULD UNITS REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION, UNIT POCs CAN CONTACT THE NEAREST CASUALTY ASSISTANCE CENTER TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE CONTACT INFORMATION OF THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE AUTHORIZED RELEASE OF THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION.

3. THE PROVISIONS OF REF B. APPLY CONCERNING USE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR FAMILY TRAVEL.

4. POC FOR THIS MESSAGE AT CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER IS LTC ANITA CHAPMAN AT (703) 325-5437 (DSN 221)/ANITA.S.CHAPMAN@US.ARMY.MIL.

5. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.