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COMMANDING GENERAL'S
POLICY LETTER # 18

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Memorial Event Authorization

1. References:

- a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 24 July 2020.
- b. AR 165-1, Army Chaplain Corps Activities, 5 March 2024.

2. Purpose: This policy establishes the decision authority for non-standard memorial events and provides a standard operating procedure for memorial events when a Soldier dies by suicide.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all major subordinate commands, direct reporting units, and tenant units within III Armored Corps (IIIAC) and Fort Cavazos.

4. Policy: Per AR 600-20, commanders will conduct a memorial event for every Soldier who dies while assigned to their unit, regardless of the manner of death, to include suicides. However, AR 600-20 allows commanders the discretion to decide between a memorial ceremony and a memorial service and request an exception to policy (ETP) to not conduct a memorial event in limited circumstances (AR 600-20, 5-7b).

5. This policy establishes Division Commanding Generals as the approval authority for ETPs within their divisions for the following: 1) to not conduct memorial events and 2) for memorial services in lieu of memorial ceremonies. The III Armored Corps Commanding General will retain authority of the above for all III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos units that do not fall under a Division. Units will conduct all memorials in accordance with the IIIAC and Fort Cavazos Memorial Ceremony SOP.

6. Expiration: This policy letter will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

7. The point of contact for this policy letter is the III Armored Corps Chaplain at (254) 287-3876.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin D. Admiral".

KEVIN D. ADMIRAL
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

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