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COMMANDING GENERAL'S  
POLICY LETTER #24

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Memorial Event Authorities

1. References:

- a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 24 July 2020.
- b. AR 165-1, Army Chaplain Corps Activities, 23 June 2015.

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. Commanders have discretion to scale down a memorial event, 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. This policy establishes the III Armored Corps and Fort Cavazos Commanding General as the approval authority for ETPs to not conduct memorial events, for scaled down memorial events, and for memorial services in lieu of memorial ceremonies. Units will conduct all memorial events in accordance with the details in the IIIAC and Fort Cavazos Memorial Ceremony SOP.

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 Expiration: This policy letter will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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

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