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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Post Policy Memo No. 22 – Burial Guidance for Fort Knox Post Cemetery

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 290-5, Army Cemeteries, 21 October 2020.
- b. Department of the Army Pamphlet (DA Pam) 290-5, Administration, Operation, and Maintenance of Army Cemeteries, 21 October 2020.

2. PURPOSE: Define guidance for new burials at Fort Knox Post Cemetery.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all future burials within Fort Knox Post Cemetery.

4. POLICY:

a. Upon the effective date of this policy, all new gravesites will be set aside for the burial of cremated remains. Subsequent burials at new gravesites (after the initial inurnment occurs) are therefore also restricted to the burial of cremated remains.

b. The term “new gravesite” is defined as a mapped grave location which has not yet been allocated for use and thus does not currently (as of the effective date of this policy) contain human remains.

c. The term “existing gravesite” is defined as a mapped grave location at which human remains have previously (prior to the effective date of this policy) been buried.

d. In all cases, excavation activities conducted within Fort Knox Post Cemetery shall make use of the least obtrusive methods possible. The use of manual methods is preferred (e.g., hand excavation). The use of mechanical methods (e.g., heavy machinery) shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by Fort Knox’s Cemetery Responsible Official (CRO) in advance.

e. This policy does not automatically apply to subsequent burials at existing gravesites.

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(1) If a review of cemetery records indicates previous burials within existing gravesites were placed at a sufficient depth, the Fort Knox CRO may permit the burial of casketed remains (if requested by a decedent's Primary Next of Kin [PNOK]).

(2) If the records review conducted by Fort Knox's CRO suggests a previous burial was not placed at a sufficient depth and there is not adequate space to the left or right of an existing gravesite, the CRO has the authority to deny burial requests for casketed remains. In such cases, the burial of cremated remains is permissible if placement does not disturb a previous burial.

(3) The Fort Knox CRO will work proactively to identify existing gravesites with reservations for subsequent burials. The validity of said reservations and corresponding original burial records will be reviewed. If said records indicate previous burials were not placed at a sufficient depth (required to accommodate a subsequent burial), the Fort Knox CRO shall make every effort to inform the reservation holder (or their PNOK) prior to the time of need.

(4) The Fort Knox CRO shall determine an individual's eligibility (e.g. service member or qualifying dependent) for burial within Fort Knox Post Cemetery at the time of need and in accordance with AR 290-5 and DA PAM 290-5.

(5) The Fort Knox CRO shall determine the placement of subsequent burials within existing gravesites in accordance with DA PAM 290-5.

5. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division at (502) 624-3629.

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