



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY CENTER
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Policy Memorandum 210-190-2

IMSE-BEN-LGS (210)

9 December 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Post Cemetery Floral Policy

1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 210-190, Installation Post Cemeteries, 16 February 2005.
- b. AR 290-5, Army National Cemeteries, 1 September 1980.
- c. DA Pamphlet 290-5, Administration, Operation, and Maintenance Of Army Cemeteries, 1 May 1991.

2. PURPOSE: To establish Fort Benning policy regarding floral arrangements on gravesites in the Post Cemetery.

3. POLICY:

a. Live or artificial floral items left by the funeral party will be neatly arranged upon the graves. These items will be left for five days unless the floral items become unsightly, and then they will be removed earlier.

b. The placement of floral items on graves other than at the time of interment is subject to the following:

- (1) Fresh cut flowers and artificial flowers may be placed on graves at any time.
- (2) Plantings, potted plants, statues, vigil lights, glass objects, balloons, flags, or other commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time. Floral items and other types of decorations will not be secured to headstones. On appropriate occasions, U.S. flags will be placed on, and subsequently removed from graves by the cemetery staff.
- (3) Temporary flower containers may be used. They will be removed from the grave when unsightly fresh cut flowers are removed.
- (4) Only one type of flower container is approved for permanent use in the Post Cemetery. This permanent flower container can not be placed on graves until after the headstone has been installed. The permissible permanent flower container consists of an outside sheath set into the ground and a separate vase that fits into the sheath. The Cemetery Manager will, upon

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request, arrange to have the container placed on the grave. Only one container may be placed on a grave. Individuals arranging for the placement of a permanent flower vase will be advised that the container becomes the property of the Government, that it may be used by anyone to place flowers on the grave, and that the Government is not responsible for the maintenance or replacement of the permanent flower vase.

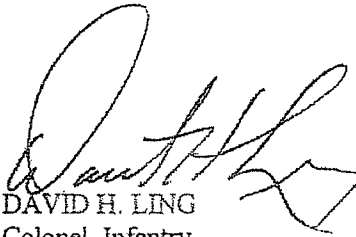
c. The cemetery will be policed for the removal of dead or unsightly flowers and flower receptacles (except those permanently installed). Cemetery personnel will dispose of all items removed from the gravesites.

d. The Cemetery Manager will post a Floral Regulation Sign at each cemetery entrance. A copy of the floral policy will be given to each person requesting an interment in the Post Cemetery.

4. SUPERSESSION: This policy memorandum supersedes USAIC Policy Memorandum 210-190-1, 30 June 2004.

5. PROPONENT: Supply and Services Division, Directorate of Logistics, (706) 545-1716.

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