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MEMORANDUM

From: Officer in Charge, Military Medical Support Office, Great Lakes, Illinois
To: Director, Casualty Assistance Division (PERS-62), Navy Personnel Command,
Millington, Tennessee
Head, Casualty Section, Military Personnel Services Branch, Personnel and Family
Readiness Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Quantico, Virginia

Subj: TRANSPORTATION OF URNS ABOARD CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT

1. New restrictions have been imposed by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regarding the transportation of cremation urns onboard commercial aircraft. For Navy and Marine Corps personnel, the following guidance is presented for widest dissemination:

a. Wooden Urn: May be hand carried but must be screened via explosives scanner and x-ray image. Most urns have passed this testing by the TSA. If no successful imaging can be completed, the urn must be handled in the same manner as a bronze urn.

b. Bronze Urns: Must be presented as checked baggage at the ticketing counter. (Not Recommended) Should a bronze urn be selected by the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD), the empty urn may be transported as baggage. The cremains are then to be hand carried in a sealed temporary container (plastic or carton material), that can be provided by the crematory. Placement of the cremains into the bronze urn will be performed at the receiving funeral home.

c. Temporary Containers: (Also known as travel urns by TSA)
Plastic with snap top lid or heavy grade paper carton are fully acceptable by TSA standards and would pose the least concern. (Pressed metal containers are available but unacceptable for screening.) When utilized, these containers should be carried discretely or placed in an appropriate bag/pouch reflecting the proper dignity and decorum of the mission.

2. Questions regarding any remains transportation issues may be directed to Headquarters, Navy Mortuary Affairs. POC: Mr. Tim Nicholson, Tel: 888-647-6676 x6627. Duty phone: 1-847-431-5842.


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