



# MISSION BRIEFING



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1. Thank everyone for coming. Remind them that we are on hallowed ground and should always maintain an appearance of quiet dignity.
2. Ask for all electronic devices to be silenced.
3. Let's have a moment of silence to remember our Gold Star families.
4. Recognize new members and assign someone as their mentor throughout the mission.
5. Read the obituary and give a quick overview of how the mission will proceed.
6. Explain when/where the COA was/will be presented.
7. Render honors whenever the casket or urn moves in your line of sight (whether inside or out of the funeral coach), and from the first to the last note of Taps. We do not follow the commands of the military. Veterans render a hand salute — non-veterans place your right hand over your heart.
8. Flags should be carried unfurled and upright when moving to or from the storage locker or the support vehicle. When furling the flag, please keep the bottom end of the pole away from the support vehicle or the person next to you.
9. While standing in the flag line, do not smoke, vape, chew tobacco, chew gum, or eat. Talking quietly is permitted provided no family members or guests are present.
10. Do not leave the flag line unless requested to do so by a Ride Captain. Notify a Ride Captain if you need to take a break, use your cell phone, or you believe another rider is in distress.
11. Unless directed by the Mission Ride Captain, do not approach the family, funeral staff, or escort personnel.
12. Open carry of a weapon or wearing a holster visible below your vest is not permitted.
13. **AS ALWAYS, YOU ARE THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY!**
14. Does anyone have any questions?
15. Pledge of Allegiance.