



# MISSION BRIEFING



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1. Thank everyone for coming, remind them that they are on hallowed ground and that we are to maintain an appearance of quiet dignity.
2. Ask that all electronic devices be silenced.
3. Recognize Gold Star families with a moment of silence.
4. Recognize any new members and ensure someone is assigned to them as a mentor throughout the mission.
5. Read Obituary and give a quick overview of how the mission will proceed.
6. Explain when/where the COA was/will be presented.
7. Rendering honors – Honors are rendered whenever the casket/urn is moving and in your line of sight, when the USA flag passes you which includes a funeral procession with a flag-draped casket, a Big-Flag bike passes and during Taps, from the first note until the last. We do not follow the commands of the military. Veterans render a salute – non-veterans place your right hand over your heart.
8. Flags should be carried unfurled and upright when moving to/from the storage locker or support vehicle. During furling of the flag and to avoid damage to a vehicle or getting someone muddy, please keep the bottom end of the flag pole away from the vehicle or person next to you.
9. While standing in the Flag Line, do not smoke, vape, chew tobacco, chew gum or eat. If you must use your cell phone, please move out of the line of sight of the Flag Line. Talking quietly is permitted provided no family members or guests are present.
10. To avoid distractions to the service, do not leave the Flag Line unless requested to do so by a Ride Captain. If you need to take a break, or you believe another rider is in distress, notify a Ride Captain.
11. Unless directed by the Mission Ride Captain, do not approach the family, funeral staff or escort personnel. Open carry of a weapon or the wearing of a holster that is even partially visible below your vest is not permitted.

**YOU ARE THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!!!**

12. Does anyone have any questions?
13. Pledge of Allegiance.