MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY ADVISORY PANEL
CIVILIAN ADVISORY PANEL

SUBJECT: UTD/CTD for MAP/CAP 96 -18(E) -- Replace Outdated Dignified Transfer of Remains Memo

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2. These changes are scheduled to appear in the JTR, dated 1 March 2019.

3. This determination is effective when printed in the JTR.

4. Action Officer: Debbie Wells (debbie.l.wells.civ@mail.mil).

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Chief, Policy & Regulations Branch

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B. **Allowances.** Family members attending transfer of remains per the USD(P&R) memorandum dated May 25, 2018, are eligible to receive the standard travel and transportation allowances specified in Chapter 2 for civilian employees. Authorized allowances should be specified on an ITA.

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