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Explanation of changes: Following is an explanation of the changes throughout the directive by section.

1309.13: Establishes a new handbook, FSH 1309.13, Forest Service Honor Guard Handbook, which provides direction and recommended standard operating procedures for the Forest Service Honor Guard. USDA

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31 - Uniforms

31.1 - Uniform Components

Each member of the Honor Guard shall be issued a complete ceremonial and practice uniform and is responsible for those uniform components, including care and cleaning. Each member shall report to each event ready to be fully dressed with the complete and proper uniform(s). When Honor Guard service ends, each member shall return all issued uniform components to the coordinator. The uniform components are as follows:

1. Class A Ceremonial Dress Uniform (Alpha). A full dress uniform shall consist of the follow items:

- a. Dark green dress slacks with two ½" yellow/gold strips down the legs.
- b. Dark green uniform half jacket ("Ike" jacket) with Forest Service patches on each shoulder.
- c. Forest Service standard law enforcement shirt (with Forest Service patch on each shoulder).
- d. Tan campaign-style hat ("cover"), with Forest Service badge and gold cord.
- e. Black patent leather shoes, with black dress socks.
- f. Black leather belt with polished Forest Service buckle.
- g. Forest Service solid dark green tie with plain gold bar tie clip.
- h. White dress gloves.
- i. Yellow shoulder citation cord.
- j. Honor Guard insignia for jacket epaulette.
- k. Two gold plain name plates with last name only.
- l. Three Forest Service badges for shirt, jacket, and hat.
- m. Black badge band for funerals/memorials.
- n. Black double-breasted Army issue overcoat and hat protector.

2. Class B Ceremonial Dress Uniform (Bravo). A dress uniform must include all of the items included in a Class A uniform excluding the dark green uniform half jacket. The tan campaign style hat may also be worn as appropriate.

3. Ceremonial Piper Uniform. Traditional Scottish piper's uniforms may consist of the following items:

- a. Green Tartan kilt.
- b. Dark green Tunic jacket, with epaulets and Forest Service patches on both shoulders.
- c. Matching Plaid Scottish shoulder wrap with shoulder broach.
- d. Feather Bonnet with yellow hackle or Glengarry with Forest Service badge.
- e. Black patent leather shoes, long green hose with yellow tabs and white canvas spats.
- f. Black leather waist belt with gold buckle.
- g. Black leather cross belt with gold trim.
- h. Sgian Dhu (ceremonial knife).
- i. Sporrans, white horsehair with black tassels (pouch or purse).
- j. Scottish Highland bagpipe.

4. Ceremonial Drummer Uniform. Drummer uniform may be either Honor Guard Class A or selected items from the piper's uniform.

5. Class C Travel and Practice Uniform (Charlie). When in travel status or during practice, honor guard members may wear the following uniform items:

- a. Black long or short sleeve honor guard polo shirt.
- b. Dark green Forest Service casual pants.
- c. Black leather belt with polished Forest Service buckle.
- d. Black leather shoes with black dress socks.

31.2 - Dress Standards

The uniform must be clean, pressed, and neat. Each member is responsible for all uniform components and their appearance, including proper fit. All brass must be polished to high shine.

Honor Guard coordinator or Chief of Party designates which level of uniform is worn and when covers (hats) are to be removed. No other uniform components may be worn unless approved

by the Coordinator or Chief of Party. The uniform or uniform components may only be worn at authorized activities.

No visible jewelry or accessories may be worn during events. Male guard members shall not have facial hair, including beards, goatees, or long sideburns; however members may have a well-trimmed mustache. Hair should be short and not extend over the ears or eyebrows. Hair must not touch the collar of the shirt or jacket. Female members with long hair shall wear their hair up under the hat.

32 - Equipment

1. Flags. Display and handle all flags according to Title 4, United States Code, section 7 and Public Law 94-344, United States Flag Code. Honor Guard members shall be well versed in this protocol.

Flag selection may be dictated by the event or circumstance. The Honor Guard Coordinator or Chief of Party will dictate the appropriate flag below to be carried:

- a. The flag of the United States of America.
- b. State flag(s).
- c. United States Department of Agriculture flag.
- d. Forest Service flag.

If a casket flag is used or presented it must be cotton, measuring 5 by 9 ½ feet and meet government specifications as set forth in Title 4, United States Code, sections 5 through 9.

Flag harnesses may be worn when presenting or posting colors. See Honor Guard Drill and Ceremony Guide.

2. Static Equipment. Additional equipment may be used, such as:

- a. Ceremonial bell, used at funerals and memorials.
- b. Folded flag display stand.

3. Tools. Chrome or brass plated hand tools may be carried during ceremonies or events. Honor Guard coordinator or Chief of Party shall make selection of type and number of tools carried.

4. Weapons. Chrome plated or standard long firearms may be carried during ceremonies or events. Transport and store all firearms pursuant to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requirements set forth in Title 49, Code of Federal

Regulations, section 1544.219 and FSH 5309.11, section 86.1. Honor Guard coordinator or Chief of Party shall make selection of type and number of firearms used.

See Forest Service Drill and Ceremony Guide for ceremonial handling and firing of weapons.

33 - Equestrian Unit (Reserved)