



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
National Headquarters

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From: Dennis Tobin, National Commandant  
To: Board of Trustees  
Department Commandants  
Subj: Easing of Restrictions and Funeral Honors

Marines,

It has come my attention that some states are easing burial restrictions and are reaching out the MCL for Funeral Honors. Sitting here in New York, I do not have first-hand knowledge of what other cities and states are doing. We will need to make decisions on a State by State basis.

Division Vices, you will need to stay updated on any changes in burial procedures within your Division. Have your Department Commandants keep you informed as to any changes within their Departments regarding burials and Funeral Honors and restrictions as to manpower. This should be easy to verify within your state.

Department Commandants, if you can verify ahead of time that restrictions are being lifted, please pass that information on to your Division Vice and they will pass it on to me. Once we verify restrictions have been lifted, and we are not walking into an ambush, I have no problem with a Detachment performing Funeral Honors as long as all state guidelines are followed.

We do not want any unnecessary problems with law enforcement over this. If you know that your state is easing restrictions and allowing Funeral Honors, please let me know ASAP.

Semper Fi

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dennis Tobin'.

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