

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: JUSTIFICATION FOR THE USE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

Enabler Framework (EF) - DITPR DON ID: 21026

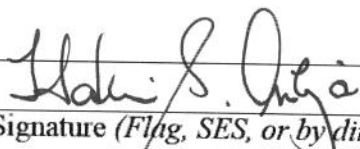
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System Description: Enabler Framework (EF) Navy HONORS Tracker module captures and manages the necessary information regarding funeral honor's requests for deceased service members and retirees.

Operational Necessity: HONORS Tracker supports the scheduling, collaboration, notification, workflow, and reporting requirements for more than 40,000 requests per year. HONORS Tracker empowers CNIC Regional coordinators to orchestrate and more efficiently schedule funerals. HONORS Tracker makes use of Enabler's approved connection to DEERS in order to verify the deceased is eligible for military honors. The SSN is the only unique identifier that all parties and systems (family, funeral home, and Enabler/DEERS) can reference. Capturing the SSN also provides a means to obtain the DD214 for the deceased.

Laws or Regulations: Title 10, United States Code, Section 1491 - The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, upon request, a funeral honors detail is provided for the funeral of any veteran, except when military honors are prohibited under section 985(a) of this title. Title 10, United States Code, Section 985 - A person who is a veteran (as defined in section 1491(h) of this title) or who died while on active duty or a member of a reserve component, when the circumstances surrounding the person's death, or other circumstances as specified by the Secretary of Defense, are such that to provide military honors at the funeral or burial of the person would bring discredit upon the person's service (or former service). Department of Defense Instruction Number 1300.15 - A military funeral honors ceremony shall be provided to eligible beneficiaries, upon request. Commanders at all levels must support paying a final tribute on behalf of a grateful Nation to comrades in arms, and must respond expeditiously and sensitively to requests for military funeral support. Rendering military funeral honors reflects the high regard and respect accorded to Military Service and demonstrates military professionalism to the Nation and the world.

Impact and Estimated Cost if Eliminated: Because of the need to confirm eligibility (HONORS Tracker would no longer be able to use DEERS to validate data) and the instruction to respond expeditiously and sensitively to requests (greater chance of error if relying on record identifier other than SSN), SSN cannot be eliminated from HONORS Tracker.

  
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