PUBLIC LAW 110-41 PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

1. PURPOSE: To inform Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) employees of NCA-related provisions in Public Law 110-41.

2. BACKGROUND:

Public Law 110-41, Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007, amends title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession or in the District of Columbia in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia who dies while serving on active duty.

NOTE: The full text of Public Laws is available electronically at http://thomas.loc.gov/ under "Find More Legislation," "Public Laws."

3. PROCEDURES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. When the Office of Field Programs is notified that a Governor has made a proclamation ordering display of the United States flag at half-staff in a particular State, territory, or possession, the Office of Field Programs will immediately notify the appropriate Memorial Service Network (MSN) office to notify the affected VA national cemeteries.
- b. When a MSN office or cemetery is notified directly by the Governor's office or representative of a proclamation affecting a particular State, territory, or possession, the Office of Field Programs should immediately be notified (cemeteries should report through the MSN) of the proclamation and the VA national cemeteries affected.
- **4. RESCISSION:** No rescission of this notice is necessary since guidance regarding display of the United States flag is contained in title 4, United States Code, chapter 1, section 7, as referenced in NCA Directive 3220 Flags in VA National Cemeteries, dated November 22, 2005.

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