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It is requested that all branches note the procedure that has been adopted by HQ REA in the selection of a Standard Bearer to represent the REA at Military Funerals.

Upon notification of Military Funeral details and only if the family agree, HQ REA will provide one Standard Bearer to represent the REA. Depending on availability, in priority order, the Standard Bearer would be either: (a) the National Standard Bearer, (b) the Standard Bearer from an affiliated National Branch, (c) the Standard Bearer from the Branch of which the deceased was a member or (d) the Standard Bearer of a branch near to the location of the Military Funeral. Only the Standard Bearer nominated by HQ REA will receive Travel & Subsistence Allowance.

The Standard Bearer attending for the REA will be the lead Standard Bearer and, in the event of more Standard Bearers attending (advised through the REA grapevine) he will provide direction to them. Unless the family of the deceased agree otherwise, the nominated REA Standard Bearer will be the only Standard Bearer to enter the Church with a Standard. He should instruct all other Standard Bearers to either remain outside the church with their Standards, or attend the service without their Standards.

As he attends all operational military funerals of members of the Corps, the Corps RSM will make himself known to attending Standard Bearers, and ensure that all Standard Bearers (from whatever organisation) are aware of the REA protocol and the need to keep the family of the deceased as the focus for the ceremony.

Thank you for your continued support to our fallen comrades and their families


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