



MARINE AIR RESERVE TRAINING UNIT
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From: Commanding Officer
To: All Hands

Subj: SOP For Death, Deceasement and/or Dying

1. It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that personnel have been dying at their desks without proper authority having been granted from MARTU Headquarters. This practice is definitely unauthorized and will be discontinued immediately.
2. Any Enlisted member of this Staff who dies without first obtaining prior directions from this Headquarters is committing a serious breach of discipline and is subject to appropriate action under the existing provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
3. Under no circumstances will a man be permitted to die on Government time. The following instructions for Death, Deceasement and/or Dying shall be considered as Standard Operating Procedure within this MARTU.
 - (a) Upon receipt of proper permission and the command of execution "DIE", personnel will die in a military manner.
 - (b) Personnel are to stagger a full 30 inch pace quickly followed by a 20 inch pace and at the same time half closing the eyelids and assuming a fixed stare.
 - (c) Personnel are to sink slowly in a military manner to their knees, counting cadence (to himself so as not to disturb others working in the area) fall on his face, arms outstretched and thumbs at a 45 degree angle to the ears with the fingers extended and joined.
 - (d) The toes will be drawn sharply together.
 - (4) The last breath will be drawn as follows:
 - (1) Inhale two (2) liters of oxygen (U.S. Navy weight)
 - (2) Make one (1) low moan, followed by a sharp gasp.
 - (3) Clutch note to NCOIC Notifying him of time of departure.

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