SUBJ: Expediting the Movement of Fallen Service Personnel

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice outlines the procedures to expedite the movement of the United States Department of Defense (DOD) charter aircraft that are transporting fallen service personnel from Iraq and Afghanistan within the National Airspace System.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Flight Services Program Operations, System Operations Services; service area offices; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and all air traffic control field facilities.


4. Procedures. KFS will utilize a four-digit call sign (e.g., KFS0000-9999) to alert air traffic control (ATC) personnel that the flight is transporting “fallen service personnel.” ATC personnel, after coordinating with the Air Traffic Control System Command Center, may exempt KFS flights with four-digit call signs from expected departure clearance times (EDCT) and other delays. ATC personnel are also encouraged to add “fallen service personnel” to the remarks section of the flight plan.

Note: The DOD Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) continually tracks the movement of fallen service personnel from pickup to delivery. The TACC coordinates all honors with the family and the destination airport. There is no requirement for ATC to notify airport operators of a “fallen service personnel” flight.

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Flight Services Program Operations, System Operations Services; service area offices; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and all air traffic control field facilities.
6. **Background.** Kalitta Charters (KFS) (Call Sign KFS00-999) is the DOD-preferred charter service for fallen service personnel killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan. KFS transports fallen service personnel in Falcon 20 jets from Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware, to their final destination airport. They may also transport fallen service personnel to and from other locations such as Reagan National Airport for burial at Arlington Cemetery or the Army Burn Center at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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