

## **Rodriguez/Altamirano Memorial Task Force**

### **Logistics for Memorial for Rodolfo Rodriguez Jr and Estevan Altamirano**

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The following logistical information has been discussed by the ad hoc Rodriguez/Altamirano Memorial Task Force in preparation for services associated with their arrival, memorial services and internment.

#### **1. Arrival**

- a. Sgt. Rodolfo Rodriguez's body is scheduled to arrive at 12:15 pm, Saturday, September 24 at McAllen Miller Airport, McCreery Aviation (2400 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street McAllen; Texas 78503).
- b. The remains will be accompanied by Casualty Officer, Sgt. Mario Rocha. A Peer Soldier Escort may also accompany Rodriguez.
- c. Access will be limited to immediate family and law enforcement. The general public will not be permitted. Media will need to make arrangements with local law enforcement.
- d. The family will be permitted some time on the tarmac to receive remains.
- e. Approximately 20-45 minutes after arrival, the escort to Weslaco will begin.

#### **2. Escorts**

- a. Weslaco Police Department and Weslaco Fire Department will assemble at 1:00 p.m. from McCreery Aviation to escort remains to Guerra Funeral Home (2602 North Texas Avenue; Weslaco Texas 78596).
- b. Weslaco Police Chief Juan Sifuentes has established the route (including map) to Weslaco.
- c. Sifuentes will coordinate participation with other law enforcement and veterans groups (eg, Patriot Riders). Entities wishing to participate in the procession should contact Weslaco Police Department by 5:00 pm to ensure their participation.
- d. Public Viewing will be held at Templo Ebenezer (209 East Sugar Cane Drive; Weslaco, Texas) Saturday September 24, 2011; from 4:00 p.m. thru 9:00 p.m. All municipal funeral escort service fees will be waived.
- e. Prayer Service for Sgt. Rodolfo Rodriguez will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- f. Private Viewing will be held at Templo Ebenezer (209 East Sugar Cane Drive; Weslaco, Texas) Sunday September 25, 2011; from 9:00 a.m. thru 9:00 p.m.
- g. Prayer Service for Sgt. Rodolfo Rodriguez will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- h. Funeral Service will be held Monday; September 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
- i. Escort will proceed to Rio Grande Valley State Cemetery (2520 South Inspiration Road; Mission, Texas 78572) for burial. Weslaco Ladder Truck

will display the U.S. flag at the cemetery. The escort will follow a reversed route used from McAllen to Weslaco.

### **3. Memorial Flags/Metals**

- a. Five U.S. flags and Five (5) medals will be secured for the family. These will be presented at the Veteran's Cemetery.
- b. Texas Governor is being called to have state facilities fly flags at half staff. Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr has secured three (3) Texas flags that have been flown over the Texas Capitol.
- c. One (1) Fallen Soldiers medallion from Patriot Guard Riders will awarded to family.

### **4. Media**

- a. A press conference may be held Saturday, Sept. 24 at the family's home or at Weslaco City Hall. Venue will be established once the family has expressed their wishes.

### **5. Public Notices**

- a. Mayor Miguel D. Wise has issue a proclamation at the City Commission's meeting on September 20, 5:30 pm.
  - i. Edcouch performed similar action at their meeting at 7:00 pm.
  - ii. Three original copies of the Proclamation will be prepared for the family and copies will be distributed (eg, Hidalgo County Judge's Office).
- b. Flags at municipal building will be flown at half staff through the day of internment.
- c. Weslaco City Hall and Weslaco Chamber will add notices on event information on their marquees and on their websites [www.weslacotx.gov](http://www.weslacotx.gov).
- d. Weslaco ISD has prepared a CD of photographs for use at the High School Stadium's Jumbotron on Friday, September 23. The CD will be made available for other use.

### **6. Donations**

- a. Financial donations may be made at First National Bank to the Rodolfo Rodriguez Jr Memorial Fund; Routing #114921415 Account #0281018545. Financial contributions should be made directly to the bank. Food, toiletries and other items will be collected by Fire Chief Santiago "Jimmy" Cuellar at Fire Station 2 (120 East Fifth Street; Weslaco Texas 78596).

### **7. Contact Persons**

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| a. City of Weslaco: Fire Chief Santiago Cuellar  | 956.532.4519 |
| b. City of Edcouch: City Manager Mike Mesa       | 956.570.4344 |
| c. Weslaco ISD: Oscar Riojas                     | 956.969.6894 |
| d. Hidalgo Co. Veteran's Office: Felix Rodriguez | 956.973.7849 |
| e. Hidalgo Co. Judge: Cris Trevino               | 956.533.1415 |

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support on behalf of the Rodriguez and Altamirano families.



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Attachments: Route Map; Media Adisory

