



# DOVER DIGNIFIED TRANSFER CARRY TEAM

A solemn dignified transfer of remains is conducted upon arrival at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, to honor those who have given their lives in the sacrifice of our country. It is the process by which, upon return from the theater of operations to the U.S., the remains of the fallen U.S. service member are transferred from the aircraft to the transfer vehicle. Once the remains are loaded onto the transfer vehicle, they are transported in final preparation for their final resting place.

A dignified transfer is conducted for every U.S. military member and civilian contractor who dies in the theater of operation while serving our country. The Marines of the Dover Dignified Transfer Carry Team offer a lasting impression on the families of the fallen Marine, as they are the first Marines the family has seen since losing their loved one.



There are carry teams for each designated branch of service. Each team conducts carries for service members of their respective service. Marine carry teams are comprised of seven Marines. Six Marines are on the case and one Marine, the noncommissioned officer in charge, calls commands and guides the team throughout the transfer sequence.

Marines who are interested in joining the Dover Dignified Transfer Team, E5 and below, must look sharp in uniform and be of strong physical stature and mental character. Marines must maintain a regimented physical fitness schedule to keep up with the physical demands of carrying heavy cases over extended distances. This duty is solemn and honorable in nature; each Marine must be mentally and physically prepared to carry fellow service members in a flawless and stoic manner.

