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Subj: III MEF/MCIPAC LIBERTY REGULATIONS IN JAPAN

Ref: (a) COMUSJAPAN memo of 29 May 13
(b) IIIIMEF/MCIPAC Liberty Regulations in Japan of 31 May 13
(c) MCBJ/III MEFO 1050.7A
(d) USFJI 36-2811
(e) MCO 1752.5A

1. Purpose. This letter republishes Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific (MCIPAC) liberty regulations in Japan. The liberty regulations within this letter are punitive general orders implementing reference (a), the Commander, U.S. Forces, Japan (COMUSJAPAN), "Liberty Policy for all U.S. Military Forces Located and Operating in Japan."

2. Cancellation. Reference (b) is hereby canceled.

3. Background. III MEF and MCIPAC are committed to maintaining the security of the Pacific region. An essential element of this mission is safeguarding Japan's security by maintaining the longstanding alliance between the U.S. and Japan. III MEF and MCIPAC have a duty to ensure that uniformed service members respect the laws of Japan and abstain from activity inconsistent with the spirit in which the U.S. operates under its Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with Japan.

4. Order. To fulfill the purposes of reference (a), effective immediately, the following leave and liberty regulations apply to all uniformed service members assigned to III MEF and MCIPAC in Japan, whether in a permanent or temporary additional duty status. These regulations supplement and modify reference (c), the III MEF and MCIPAC Liberty Campaign Order as described below.

5. Leave and Liberty Regulations

a. Training Prerequisites. Before any III MEF or MCIPAC service member is granted off-installation leave or liberty in Japan, the service member must have completed required training (e.g. the Newcomer's Orientation Welcome Aboard Seminar and Okinawa Cultural Awareness

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Training) in accordance with references (a), (c) and (d). Service members also shall have completed Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training in accordance with references (a) and (e). Completion of this training must be documented. Training prerequisites shall be conducted "in-person" to the maximum extent practicable.

b. Alcohol Purchase and Consumption. For all III MEF and MCIPAC service members in Japan, off-installation purchase/consumption of alcohol is prohibited, except:

(1) A uniformed service member may consume no more than two alcoholic beverages each night between the hours of 1800 to 2200 at an off-installation restaurant in conjunction with an evening meal. A restaurant is an establishment where the primary business is the sale and service of food (i.e., not a bar/club). An alcoholic beverage is defined as, or equivalent to:

(a) One 12 ounce beer of up to 6% alcohol by volume;

(b) One 1.25 ounce shot of up to 80 Proof liquor;

(c) One mixed drink containing one 1.25 ounce shot of up to 80 Proof liquor; or

(d) One 4-5 ounce glass of wine of up to 14% alcohol by volume.

(2) When authorized by a general or flag officer in the chain-of-command for designated official events.

(3) This prohibition excludes alcoholic beverage consumption in the service member's own private off-base residence or in a hotel room registered to the service member. This prohibition also excludes congregants and celebrants consuming minimal amounts of alcohol (i.e. wine) as part of sacramental rites or practices during religious services.

c. Restriction of Off-Installation Liberty for Personnel Under the Influence of Alcohol:

(1) Personnel are denied off-installation liberty when under the influence of alcohol except for transit purposes as described below. "Under the influence of alcohol" is defined as possessing a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) (i.e., alcohol level or concentration) meeting or exceeding .03% BAC.

(2) Drivers: Personnel with a BAC meeting or exceeding .03% while operating or in control of automobiles or other conveyances will not be allowed off-installation and remain subject to existing orders, including traffic regulations and Japanese Law as applied under the SOFA.

(3) Passengers/Pedestrians: Personnel with a BAC meeting or exceeding .03% will not be allowed off-installation liberty. Personnel with a BAC meeting or exceeding .03% will only be allowed off-base (as a pedestrian or passenger) to travel immediately and directly to their own off-base residences or to another military installation with no stops for personal convenience.

d. Curfew. All service members in pay grades E-5 and below shall observe off-installation curfew between the hours of 2400 and 0500. During curfew hours, those E-5 and below who possess a gold liberty card must be (1) on a U.S. facility or area; (2) off-installation a private residence; or (3) off-installation in a commercial place of lodging (i.e. a hotel room). Additionally, those gold card holders are authorized direct travel, with no stops, between these locations. In accordance with reference (c), red card holders must be (1) at their home camp or (2) off-installation in their own residence, or (3) off-installation in an approved commercial place of lodging (e.g. a hotel room) if on leave or special liberty. Only an authorized commander may grant individual curfew exceptions and approve alternate special liberty or local leave addresses. Grade-based group exceptions are prohibited. This curfew requirement does not apply to:

(1) Performance of official duties. This includes duty-related or commuter travel between residence and place of duty.

(2) Attendance or participation in an organized and scheduled installation or unit activity or event, and travel directly to or from that event;

(3) Medical emergencies and other exigencies; and

(4) Travel in conjunction with attendance at scheduled religious services.; and

(5) Off-base physical training.

e. "Liberty Buddy" Program. The liberty buddy requirements for red card holders in reference (c) remain in effect. The following liberty buddy requirements apply to all service members in pay grades E-5 and below who possess a gold liberty card:

(1) E-5 and below must be accompanied by a liberty buddy when executing normal off-installation liberty from 2100-2400, and between 2400-0500 if approved for an exception to designated curfew hours by an authorized commander. However, service members may transit unaccompanied directly between an authorized residence and a U.S. facility or area to meet or deliver a liberty buddy at the liberty buddy's authorized residence. For purposes of this paragraph, an "authorized residence" is a residence, quarters, hotel room, or other authorized place of lodging during leave or liberty.

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(2) A liberty buddy can be: (a) a member of the U.S. armed forces on active duty; (b) a person with Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) status (e.g., a member of the civilian component, a dependent); (c) a family member who is not a dependent, or (d) another individual, including a foreign national, approved by an authorized commander to serve as a liberty buddy.

(3) Authorized commanders may grant individual exceptions to these liberty buddy requirements. Grade-based blanket exceptions are not authorized.

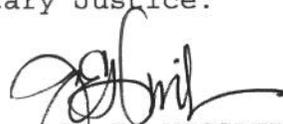
6. Administration

a. Coordinating Instructions. These leave and liberty regulations are the minimum requirements for service members executing off-base leave or liberty in Japan. They do not exempt service members from compliance with Japanese law, more restrictive liberty regulations issued by competent command authority, and other generally applicable military orders (such as those prohibiting military personnel from going to "off-limits" establishments). These regulations do not supersede any more restrictive leave and liberty requirements contained in reference (c), which remains in effect.

b. An "authorized commander" is an officer in the grade of O-5 or higher who has command authority over a service member. An authorized commander may temporarily recall to duty status all members of a unit (i.e., squadron, battalion, or equivalent-sized unit) when one of its members is involved in an off-base alcohol-related incident or other off-base misconduct. The first general officer in the chain of command may authorize resumption of liberty after reviewing any alleged misconduct and approving a unit remediation plan.

c. These regulations are effective immediately and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded by competent authority. Violations of these regulations may result in administrative or disciplinary action pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.


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