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AIR BASES ORDER 1746.1F

From: Commander
To: Distribution List

Subj: CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Ref: (a) MCO 1700.22D
(b) MCO P1700.27A
(c) MCO P5300.12A
(d) U.S. Navy Regulations 1990, Art. 1162

1. Purpose

a. To regulate the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages and to encourage alternatives to, and moderate use of, alcoholic beverages within Marine Corps Air Bases, Western Area (MCABWA).

b. To establish individual responsibilities and prohibitions for military personnel within MCABWA related to sale, possession, consumption and transfer of alcoholic beverages. Violations may result in prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or result in adverse administrative action.

2. Cancellation. ABO 1746.1E.

3. Background. Reference (a) establishes Marine Corps policy concerning the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the Marine Corps. Policy relating to the administration of alcoholic beverages in retail outlets within the Marine Corps activities is contained, in part, in reference (b). Marine Corps policy concerning use and abuse of alcoholic beverages is outlined in reference (c).

4. Definition. The term "alcoholic beverage" shall include distilled spirits, wines, wine-based coolers and malt beverages (beer is a type of malt beverage).

5. Policy. Use of alcoholic beverages within MCABWA must be consistent with the overriding need for military readiness, discipline and community safety. In meeting this objective, the sale, purchase, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages will be governed by the following considerations:

a. Measures to prevent and deter abuse, as provided in reference (c), shall be an integral part of the management of alcoholic beverages within MCABWA.

b. Sale of beverages during recreational activities should be balanced with nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages to encourage healthful lifestyles for military personnel, their families and friends.

6. Minimum Drinking Age. In conformity with drinking age limitations of the states (California and Arizona) in which installations belonging to MCABWA are located, the minimum drinking age aboard MCABWA is 21. All exceptions to the sale of alcoholic beverages to military personnel below the age of 21 have been removed.

7. Sale of Packaged Alcoholic Beverages. The sale of packaged alcoholic beverages will be at only authorized packaged alcohol beverage stores.

8. Sale, Possession and Consumption by the Drink. Sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises is authorized at the following facilities:

a. Commissioned Officers' Clubs.

b. Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Clubs.

c. Enlisted Clubs.

d. Consolidated Clubs.

e. Golf Courses.

f. Temporary Lodging Facilities. Sales are limited to miniature-sized containers of distilled spirits, wine and individual containers of malt beverages for on-premises possession and consumption in rooms or suites.

g. VIP Rooms and Suites. Sales are limited to miniature-sized containers of distilled spirits, wine and individual containers of malt beverages for on-premises possession and consumption in rooms or suites.

h. Bowling Center lounges.

i. Areas designated by the installation commander for command entertainment or organized social functions on an occasional basis. This includes picnic areas, hangars and museums.

j. Sale, possession and consumption of malt beverages at:

(1) Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) snack bars.

(2) Bachelor Officers' Quarters (BOQ), Bachelor Staff Noncommissioned Officers' (SNCO) Quarters and Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ). Authorization is limited to the sale for on-premises consumption through malt beverage vending machines owned and operated by the Exchange system. Commanders must ensure that all such vending machines are under constant supervision to ensure the purchaser meets the required drinking age. The following notice is to be prominently posted on all such vending machines: "Purchases by persons under the age of 21 are not authorized."

k. Sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by the drink at other facilities only when spcifically authorized by the Secretary of the Navy.

9. Possession and Consumption in Government Quarters

a. Individuals 21 years of age and older may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in government quarters as follows:

(1) Married officers' quarters.

(2) Bachelor officers' quarters.

(3) Married enlisted quarters.

(4) Bachelor SNCO quarters.

(5) Bachelor Enlisted quarters (limited to beer and wine only).

b. Installation commanders may authorize limitations and/or authorize subordinate and tenant commanding officers to limit types of beverage, quantities and areas for possession and consumption.

c. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages may not be permanently prohibited.

d. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages may be prohibited for limited periods when it is determined that military operations or the requirements of good order and discipline require such action. Commanders who take this action shall publish a document stating the reason for the limited prohibition and either its anticipated length or the conditions that must be met before they will lift the limited prohibition. Commanders will forward copies of this document to the next senior commander in the chain of command and either to the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), MCABWA, or the SJA, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW), as appropriate.

10. Prohibited Activities. The following is prohibited for military personnel within MCABWA:

a. Except as specifically authorized in this Order, the sale, purchase, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages within MCABWA is prohibited.

b. The minimum age for the possession, sale, consumption or serving of alcoholic beverages within the Marine Corps shall be 21 years.

c. A person buying alcoholic beverages at package stores within MCABWA is prohibited from reselling or bartering these beverages.

d. Except where authorized, possession on one's person of any bottle, can or other receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage which has been opened, or has a seal broken, is prohibited.

e. No person will transport, or cause to be transported, alcoholic beverages in a government owned vehicle or aircraft, except for personal use ashore as authorized by reference (d).

f. No person shall transfer, sell or cause to be transferred or sold, any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 within MCABWA.

11. Action

a. Installation commanders are authorized to publish supplemental instructions.

b. Subordinate and tenant commanding officers shall ensure that each member of the command, especially those who live in or visit the BEQ's, and all duty personnel are responsible for policing and administering the privileges of possessing and consuming permitted alcoholic beverages in BEQ's.

12. Concurrence. The Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 46 concurs with the provisions of this Order.

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