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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) Barracks Policy (CG/CoS Policy Statement # 0-9)

1. References:

a. Military Rule of Evidence 313, Inspections and Inventories in the Armed Forces for Courts-Martial

b. AR 600-85 (Army Substance Abuse Program)

c. USARAK Regulation (CG/CoS Policies #0-24 and #0-26)

2. USARAK soldiers living in our barracks must be provided a safe, healthy and secure environment. This policy augments other policies and regulations and must be maintained in Charge of Quarters (CQ) books in all U.S. Army Alaska units.

3. The intent of this policy is to assist commanders in Alaska in meeting their responsibilities for good order and discipline in the barracks while still maintaining a high quality of life for those soldiers living in our barracks. Commanders are authorized to establish additional enforceable control measures for barracks under their control that exceed the standards set forth within this policy. The Staff Duty Noncommissioned Officer (SDNCO) / CQ will monitor compliance with this policy and will report violations to the chain of command. Violations of this policy may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

4. Specifics:

a. Visitation. Visitation is permitted by either gender in the barracks rooms and dayrooms in accordance with the following guidelines:

(1) Visitation hours are Sunday through Thursday, 0800 to 2400 hours and Friday and Saturday evening and Holidays to include USARAK Training Holidays 0500 to 0200. Although overnight visitation is strictly forbidden, Battalion commanders responsible for barracks can authorize exceptions on a case by case limited time basis.

(2) The conduct of a visiting guest is the sole responsibility of the sponsor and the sponsor must escort his/her guest through the designated areas of the barracks.

(3) Non-military guests under 18 years of age will be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. No exceptions! Soldiers will be responsible for their guest's conduct and will ensure guests are 18 years or older.

(4) All guests will sign in with the CQ. Documentation of legal age with valid picture identification is mandatory and is a required log entry on the DA 1594 CQ log.

(5) In barracks rooms with two occupants, an objection to a guest's presence in the room by one occupant must be honored and the other occupant will ensure the guest leaves the room.

(6) Each company/battery will designate a latrine facility for female visitors. Each building will, at a minimum, have one single occupancy latrine identified for this purpose during visitation hours.

(7) The visitation by guests of soldiers in the barracks is a privilege, not a right. Commanders may revoke a soldier's guest visitation privileges.

b. Barracks Policy

(1) CQ: Each building will maintain a CQ with runner at the primary entrance of the building. The CQ serves as the Commander's representative to assist in the command's responsibilities. Access control will be maintained after duty hours to deny entrance or exit to the building except under the direct control of the CQ. All other access points will be locked with approved emergency exit barriers and checked as a part of the CQ checks.

(2) Room Standards: Soldiers will not be required to maintain rooms in a standard configuration. Rooms may be arranged and decorated within the limits of Army regulations, safety, health, soldier welfare, and good order and discipline and must be kept neat and clean. However, the following will not be displayed in open view in barracks rooms: (1) sexually oriented pictures, posters, calendars or cartoons, (2) flags or symbols associated with extremist groups. This prohibition does not include valid state flags that are properly displayed.

(3) Inspections: Soldiers' rooms are subject to inspection by the chain of command at any time, announced or unannounced. However, the chain of command will ensure random inspections do not become a form of soldier abuse or harassment. Consistent with command responsibilities, commanders will on a weekly basis randomly inspect rooms to ensure that security, safety, health, soldier welfare, good order, and discipline are maintained. Squad Leaders, Platoon Sergeants, Platoon Leaders, and First Sergeants have a duty to monitor soldier living and working environments to detect and avoid conditions that could lead to injury or unprofessional behavior.

(4) Alcohol: Soldiers of legal drinking age may consume alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) in their rooms as long as it does not hinder good order and discipline. However, the possession and consumption of alcohol is prohibited for soldiers who are under 21 years of age. Disciplinary action under the UCMJ may be taken against soldiers who violate the law, or against those who purchase and distribute alcohol to a minor.

(5) Disorderly conduct and/or underage drinking in the barracks is prohibited and will be identified, stopped, investigated, and punished by commanders. Soldiers who cannot conduct themselves in a professional manner while drinking in the barracks may lose the privilege of having any alcohol in their room.

(6) Smoking: Occupants and guests are prohibited from smoking in any common area and may smoke only in the occupant's room with the consent of the occupant's roommate.

(7) Gambling: Gambling is strictly prohibited. Occupants and their guests will not gamble in any form within the barracks.

(8) Pets: Occupants may not keep pets in the barracks rooms.

5. We must all continue to work for ways to provide the best quality of life for all soldiers living in our barracks. As commanders, we have a responsibility to provide a comfortable, safe, healthy and secure environment and to ensure that no individual behaves in a way that causes others to suffer.

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