



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND FORT IRWIN
FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5000

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18 SEP 12

MEMORANDUM FOR Rotational Training Units (RTUs), RTU Personnel, and Augmentee Soldiers at the National Training Center (NTC) and Fort Irwin

SUBJECT: NTC Policy Letter 18, Cantonment Area Policy for Rotational Training Units and Augmentation Soldiers

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish limits on the presence and conduct of military personnel and accompanying civilian employees and contractors of Rotational Training Units and augmentation Soldiers (hereinafter referred to collectively as RTU personnel) in the cantonment area of the National Training Center (NTC) and Fort Irwin because of its limited size and capacity.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to all RTU personnel, all augmentation Soldiers, and Family members.
3. **PUNITIVE POLICY:** Violations of this policy may result in punishment of Service Members under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and adverse administrative action against DoD civilian employees and contractors.
4. **REFERENCES:**
 - a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 11 May 12 (RAR).
 - b. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, 7 Sep 10 (RAR).
 - c. NTC Exercise Operating Procedures, Oct 08.
5. **POLICY:** The NTC and Fort Irwin is committed to providing RTUs with the best combat training in the world, and, as our guests, access to our community services and facilities. However, Fort Irwin is a small and isolated installation and its cantonment area facilities are staffed, stocked, resourced, and funded merely to meet the requirements of the assigned Soldier and Family population. Because of this, we must put restrictions in place both for the safety of the RTU Soldiers as well as the safety and benefit of our resident community.
 - a. **FACILITIES.** The Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA) is designed to meet the needs of RTU personnel transitioning in and out of the training area. For safety reasons, use of the RUBA is for official business only, and is off-limits to all Family Members. RTU personnel are welcome to use most of the community services and facilities available on Fort Irwin. However, the following areas/activities are off limits:

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- (1) The Fitness Connection.
- (2) The Class VI Store (located on Goldstone Road).
- (3) The Swimming Pools (both Sandy Basin and Oasis Pools).
- (4) The Regimental DFAC (food services are available in the RUBA).
- (5) The Shockwave Club after 1500hrs.
- (6) Sam Adams Grill, unless it is a group event approved through the NTC G3.
- (7) All Child, Youth, and School Services Facilities.
- (8) All installation parks and recreation areas when used for sleeping.
- (9) All Family Housing and Soldier Barracks Areas (unless an exception is granted per guidance in paragraph d.(2) below).

b. CONDUCT. All personnel training at the NTC will maintain their professionalism by treating both the installation facilities and personnel with respect. The mark of a good unit is the discipline of its Soldiers.

(1) RTU personnel will be courteous to Fort Irwin service and facility employees at all times. Many employees travel great distances to work at this remote post or are assigned military Family Members.

(2) RTU personnel will not engage in inappropriate or mischievous behavior such as taking parts in the motor pools, taking flags or guidons from other units, or defacing vehicles and facilities. Such actions disrupt training, negatively impact the RTU's reputation on this installation, and will be dealt with accordingly by the NTC chain of command.

c. AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS. All AR 670-1 uniform standards apply in the cantonment area. The official duty uniform is the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) or service equivalent.

(1) Field Gear (LBE) and weapons will not be worn or carried by RTU personnel into the cantonment area or any establishment on Fort Irwin.

(2) Camel backs are authorized for wear at all times.

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(3) The Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) will not be worn on main post except at the gyms or while actively conducting Physical Fitness training. APFU will not be worn inside any other facility on Fort Irwin, including the Commissary or PX.

d. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

(1) RTU physical fitness runs in the cantonment area are authorized, only with prior coordination through the NTC G3. These runs will be conducted on closed routes during posted NTC physical fitness hours only.

(2) All visits to Family Housing or Soldiers Barracks areas must be by invitation and cleared through the RTU and NTC chains of command. Approved visits require the local host to pick-up and drop-off RTU visitors in the vicinity of the Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA). At no time will RTU visitors enter housing or barracks areas unescorted by a local host.

(3) RTU personnel may depart the Rotational Unit Field Maintenance Area (RUFMA) or RUBA. However, enlisted personnel will be supervised by an NCO. RTU personnel will not loiter on main post and will return to their unit once when their mission is complete.

(4) Use of tobacco products in the cantonment area is authorized in accordance with the Army tobacco use policy. Tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco) will not be used in buildings, vehicles, or other restricted areas. Users will properly dispose all tobacco refuse (cigarette butts, spit bottles, etc).

(5) RTU personnel may use the Physical Fitness Centers to conduct physical training, but may not use them as shower points. RTU personnel will use the shower points provided at the RUBA.

e. TACTICAL VEHICLES. The use of tactical vehicles is restricted to official duties in support of rotational activities, and will not be used for personal use. The Car Wash facility will not be used to wash tactical vehicles. All tactical vehicles will use chalk blocks and drip pans, and antennas must be tied down when in the cantonment area. Tactical vehicles will only be parked in designated areas. The following are off-limits areas for tactical vehicle parking, exceptions must be approved by the NTC G3:

(1) All family housing areas.

(2) Commercial areas, including the Town Center, Starbucks, Burger King, Sam Adams Grill, Shockwave, PX, Commissary, Subway, Pizza Hut, and Shoppette parking lots, to include any dirt or adjacent parking areas. These areas are strictly off-limits to tactical vehicles.

(3) Physical fitness facilities, including the Fitness Connection.

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f. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. RTU personnel and augmentation Soldiers will not purchase nor use alcohol while at Fort Irwin unless previously approved by the CG, NTC. All requests for an exception to policy must be forwarded thru the RTU and Operations Group chains of command and the Chief of Staff, NTC for processing.

g. SENIOR TRAINERS (Division level TOC/TAC, Army level commands ETC...) will promulgate policies IAW the NTC CG and G3 for consumption of alcohol during BRD periods. BCT (RTU) will not consume alcohol at any time while deployed to the National Training Center without adherence to paragraph 5f.

6. PROPONENT: The point of contact for this policy is the NTC CSM at 380-3318.



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