



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON
FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison, Fort Irwin and the National Training Center Policy #13,
Barracks Alcohol and Visitation

1. PURPOSE: Establish an installation barracks alcohol and visitation policy on Fort Irwin.
2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all personnel on Fort Irwin.
3. PUNITIVE POLICY: This policy letter constitutes a lawful order issued by the Commander, United States Army Garrison and Fort Irwin. Violations of this policy may result in punitive action against Service Members under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and adverse administrative action against Service Members.
4. REFERENCES:
 - a. Army Regulation 600-20, *Army Command Policy*, August 2011.
 - b. *Health Promotion, Risk Reduction, Suicide Prevention Report*, also known as the "Red Book," Headquarters, Department of the Army, 2010.
 - c. *Generating Health & Discipline in the Force: Ahead of the Strategic Reset Report*, also known as the "Gold Book," Headquarters, Department of the Army, 2012.
5. BACKGROUND:
 - a. More so than any other single factor, the health and discipline of individual Soldiers determines the readiness of the Force. Excessive alcohol use is extremely troubling because alcohol abuse is associated with a variety of physical ailments, behavior health issues, and incidents of misconduct. The Army has made significant progress in implementing alcohol policy over the last few years, but there is still more work required to close current gaps between policy intent and implementation.
 - b. Even though the barracks are maintained by the first sergeants barracks program, leaders at all levels are responsible for the health, morale, and welfare of their Soldiers in the barracks and as such may order inspections of their Soldiers' rooms. Commanders retain the authority to issue search and/or seizure authorizations of rooms assigned to their Soldiers. Command emphasis, enforcement, and leadership guidance is required to ensure proper discipline and promote a safe environment in the barracks.

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c. Garrison Commanders are tasked with maintaining the morale, welfare, and discipline on their respective installations and have the inherent authority to take action necessary to avert danger or threats to the morale, welfare, and discipline of the installation. In accordance with this mission and authority, the following is directed,

6. POLICY:

a. Visitation

(1) Visitation is a privilege, not a right. Commanders may revoke this privilege if abused.

(2) Soldiers residing in the barracks may have visitors of either sex. Soldiers are responsible for the actions of their visitors.

(3) All visitors must sign in and out at the charge of quarters (CQ) desk.

(4) Visitors under the age of 18 and not a member of the Soldier's immediate family (defined as a father, mother, brother, or sister), are not authorized in the Soldier's room. Visitors under the age of 18 are allowed in the barracks common area, such as the day room, but must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

(5) Visitors are prohibited during normal duty working days from 0001 until 1730.

(6) Visitors are allowed between the times of 0800-midnight on weekends or holidays.

(7) Overnight visitation is strictly prohibited.

(8) Visitation when the primary occupant is away is strictly prohibited.

(9) When more than one Soldier resides in a room, rights of privacy take precedence over visitation. Roommates must jointly agree to visitations prior to any visit taking place.

b. Alcoholic Beverages:

(1) Possession and consumption of alcohol in the barracks is a privilege, not a right. Commanders may revoke this privilege if abused.

(2) Soldiers under 21 years of age will not possess or consume any type or amount of alcohol at any time.

(3) Soldiers, regardless of age or location, will not sell, transfer, distribute, introduce, or offer any type or amount of alcohol to any person under the age of 21.

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(4) Soldiers 21 years or older, and their visitors 21 years or older, may possess and consume alcohol in the barracks subject to the following restrictions:

(a) Kegs of beer or malt beverages of any size are prohibited.

(b) A Soldier may not possess more than one type of alcohol and not exceed the following:

I. a 12-pack (12 12-ounce cans) of beer or malt liquor.

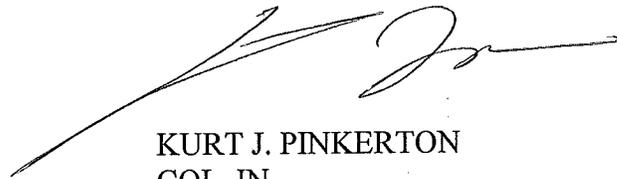
II. one 1 Liter bottle of wine.

III. one 750 milliliter bottle of hard liquor.

(c) For purposes of this policy, visitors are not permitted to possess an additional quantity of alcoholic beverages. For example, a Soldier and three visitors are still restricted to a total of one case of 12-ounce beers.

7. SUPERSESSION: This policy supersedes all previous policies on the subject.

8. Point of Contact for this memorandum is the Garrison Command Sergeant Major at (760) 380-6267.



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