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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: NTC Policy #11 - Cantonment Area Policy

1. PURPOSE: To establish limits on the presence and conduct of all visiting military personnel and civilian employees 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 visiting Soldiers and civilian augmentees at the NTC and Fort Irwin. Soldiers and civilians conducting rotation training will be hereinafter referred to collectively as RTU personnel. RTU personnel does not include Leader Training Program (LTP), Pre-Deployment Site Survey (PDSS), visiting guests, and guest OC/Ts.

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, 10 APR 15.

b. NTC Exercise Operating Procedures, November 2012.

5. POLICY: The NTC and Fort Irwin is committed to providing our visitors 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 for the safety of visiting personnel and civilians 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 the 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.

(1) Dining Facilities. NTC has two major dining facilities (DFAC) located in bldg. 254 and bldg. 271 designed primarily to support meal card holders and the Fort Irwin community. In

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an effort to meet the food service needs of the community and NTC visitors, the following must be firmly enforced.

a) LTP, PDSS, Guests, OC/Ts, and RTU ADVON/TRAIL personnel are allowed to request garrison DFAC support through the Installation Food Program Manager's (IFPM) Office. All DFAC request must be emailed to usarmy.irwin.404-afsb.mesg.lrc-ssmo-irwin@mail.mil.

b) Requests for garrison DFAC support for 250 personnel or less must be submitted **NLT 14** days prior to execution. Requests for 251 or more personnel requires an Exception to the Policy (ETP) and must be submitted **NLT 21** days prior to execution for IFPM approval.

c) Visiting units with large busloads of personnel will stagger bus drop off times within the designated serving period to prevent overloading supporting DFACs.

d) Requests to increase/decrease headcount will be addressed to the IFPM and assessed on a case by case basis by the supporting DFAC manager and unit Food Advisors. IFPM will provide final approval.

(2) Off Limit Areas. RTU personnel, augmentation Soldiers, LTP, PDSS, and guest OC/Ts are welcome to use most of the community services and facilities available on Fort Irwin. However, the following areas/activities are off limits only to RTU personnel and augmentee Soldiers during rotation training (**these restrictions do not apply to LTP, PDSS, visiting guests, or guest OC/Ts with OPS GP's approval**):

a) The Class VI Store (located on Goldstone Road).

b) The Swimming Pools (both Sandy Basin and Oasis Pools)

c) Establishments that serve alcohol:

i. The Shockwave Club.

ii. Strike Zone.

iii. Sam Adams Brew Pub, except group events approved through NTC G3.

d) The Resiliency Center.

e) All Child, Youth, and School Services Facilities.

f) The Oasis Café located in the Weed Army Community Hospital (hospitalized RTU personnel or patients are allowed to utilize this café).

g) All installation parks and recreation areas when used for sleeping.

h) All Family Housing and Soldier Barracks Areas (unless an exception is granted per guidance in paragraph 5.d.(2) below).

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b. CONDUCT. All personnel visiting and 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) All personnel visiting and training at the NTC 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. No Profanity Zones are established and posted in our facilities and they are strictly enforced.

(2) All personnel visiting and training at the NTC will not engage in inappropriate or mischievous behavior such as taking parts from the motor pools, removing 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 Universal Camouflage Pattern (UCP), Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP), or Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern (OEF-CP) Army Combat Uniform (ACU), or service equivalent.

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

(2) Camel backs, eye protection, and gloves are authorized for wear at all times.

(3) The Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) and the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU) will only be worn to the gyms, while moving to and from a gym, or while actively conducting Physical Fitness training. The APFU/IPFU will not be worn inside any other facility on Fort Irwin, including DFACs, Commissary, and the PX.

d. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

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

(2) Visits to Family Housing or Soldier Barracks areas must be by invitation and cleared through the NTC G3. Approved visits require the local host to pick-up and drop-off visitors in the vicinity of the RUBA. At no time will visitors enter housing or barracks areas unescorted by a local host. Visiting personnel will not consume alcoholic beverages during approved visits.

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

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(4) Use of tobacco products in the cantonment area is authorized in accordance with the Army tobacco use policy. Tobacco products including e-cigarettes will not be used indoors, in any government vehicle, or other restricted areas. Restricted areas specifically includes all medical facilities. Tobacco users will properly dispose of 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. Antennas must be tied down when in the cantonment area. All tactical vehicles will use chalk blocks and drip pans. Antennas must be tied down when in the cantonment area. Tactical Vehicles will only be parked only in designated areas. The following areas 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 Starbucks, Burger King, Sam Adams Brew Pub, Shockwave, PX, Commissary, Subway, Pizza Hut, "Townsquare" area, and Shoppette parking lots.

(3) Physical Fitness parking areas.

f. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. RTU personnel will not purchase nor use alcohol while at Fort Irwin. An exception to policy (in writing) by the NTC CG may be requested by the RTU Command for specific events. All requests for an exception to policy must be forwarded thru chain of command (RTU, Operations Group) to the NTC Chief of Staff 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 when spending more than one consecutive rotation at the NTC.

6. PROPONENT: The point of contact for this policy is the NTC CSM at 760-380-3318.


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