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IN REPLY REFER TO:
DepO 1700.12G
MCCS

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DEPOT ORDER 1700.12G

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION, AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 47 (UCMJ)
(b) CMC Letter 1700
(c) MCO 1700.22G
(d) MCO 1700.27B
(e) MARADMIN 266/07

1. Situation. To publish supplemental regulations relating to alcoholic beverages applicable to all personnel within the limits of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (MCRD PI), per references (a) through (e).

2. Cancellation. DepO 1700.12F.

3. Mission. To outline the policy regarding alcoholic beverage control (possession, consumption, and sale of alcoholic beverages) within the Department of the Navy and aboard MCRD PI and the policy relating to the administration of alcoholic beverages in retail outlets. The term "alcoholic beverages" in this order includes all distilled spirits, wine, beer, and ale, except those prescribed for medical purposes.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. To make unmistakably clear the regulations regarding the administration of alcoholic beverages in retail outlets, the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, and the possession and introduction of alcoholic beverages aboard this installation.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in family quarters, Bachelor Officer Quarters, and Staff Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO) Bachelor Quarters by military personnel age 21 and older residing in such quarters is authorized.

(b) The possession and consumption, in amounts consistent with personal use, of alcoholic beverages in all Bachelor Enlisted Quarters by personnel age 21 and older is authorized. Company commanders and their superior commanders may revoke that authorization at any time for individuals who abuse these privileges. The power of revocation is non-delegable.

(c) The introduction, possession, sale, or use of any alcoholic beverage in any barracks, building, or area within this base, except where authorized in this order, is prohibited.

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(d) For a better understanding, there are three (3) terms used in this order defined below:

1. Distilled Spirits and Fortified Wines. Includes all types of liquor and wine containing more than 17 percent alcohol by volume.

2. Malt Beverages. Includes all types of beer, lager, malt liquor, and ale containing more than one half (1/2) of one (1) percent and not more than six (6) percent alcohol by volume.

3. Unfortified Wines. Includes all types of wines that have an alcohol content of no more than 17 percent alcohol by volume.

b. Subordinate Element Mission. All organizational commanders and staff officers involved in the sale, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard this installation will give wide dissemination to, and will conscientiously enforce the provisions of this order.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Package Sales

(a) Package sales of distilled spirits and fortified wines for off-premise consumption is authorized at the Marine Mart in the Main Exchange between the hours of 0800-2200. Appropriate identification must be presented prior to purchase.

(b) Purchase of alcoholic beverages is authorized for personal consumption and normal social occasions. Purchase for resale or promotion of business interests is not authorized.

(c) Recruits and new Marines shall not possess, consume or have furnished to them any alcoholic beverages while still undergoing recruit training. Only after graduation may new Marines 21 years of age or older consume alcoholic beverages.

(d) Alcoholic beverages may not be sold to civilians, with the exception of Civil Service and Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) employees who may purchase alcoholic beverages at clubs or authorized functions. This provision also applies to families of recruits/new Marines.

(2) Alcohol Dispensed by the Drink. The dispensing of alcoholic beverages by the drink, for consumption on the premises, is authorized at Traditions, the Brig-n-Brew, the Food Court, the Lyceum, Legends Golf Course, and the bowling center. Occasionally and with prior written approval, other areas may be designated by the Commanding General (CG) for command functions, or other authorized functions for private organizations, when beverages are served through the Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Food and Hospitality Branch. These areas include, but are not limited to Elliot's Beach picnic area, the Rod and Gun Club, Four Winds, the Bunker, and the Community Center. However, alcoholic beverages by the drink may not be sold prior to 1600 Monday through Friday or prior to 1200 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays except that:

(a) Malt beverages and unfortified wines may be sold Monday through Friday during the luncheon hour (1100-1300) with service meals; however, sales will not be made to military personnel in uniform or civilian personnel on the base in a work status.

(b) Champagne or champagne punch may be sold on Sundays and holidays in conjunction with brunch starting at 1000.

(c) Legends Golf Course and the bowling center may sell alcoholic beverages to authorized patrons during normal operating hours. However, alcoholic beverages can not be sold to military personnel in uniform prior to 1600 or civilian employees in a work status.

(d) Alcoholic beverages may be served during working hours for organizations, associations or private functions, such as military-civilian meetings, spouses clubs, receptions, etc.

(e) Alcoholic beverages by the drink may only be dispensed to authorized persons who are 21 years of age and have proper identification to show proof of age.

(f) All alcoholic beverages sold or dispensed by the drink for consumption on the premises will be served in open containers. No alcoholic beverages are to be removed from any club, recreational area, or special events.

(3) Privately Provided Alcoholic Beverages at parties. Privately provided alcohol at parties is permitted for private parties sponsored by individuals or private organizations. Privately owned alcoholic beverages are not permitted in facilities/areas where alcoholic beverages are served on a regular basis.

(4) Unit Parties and Recreational/Athletic/Special Events

(a) Unit Parties. Per reference (c), the CG MCRD PI may waive the required drinking age of 21, but not set it below the age of 18 years, if he or she determines that the exception is justified by special circumstances, such as the following:

1. Infrequent, non-routine military occasions when the entire unit, as a group, at a military installation mark a uniquely military occasion such as the conclusion of arduous military service or the anniversary of the establishment of a military service or organization.

2. The event must be held on the installation. The unit commander must ensure that appropriate Operational Risk Management and appropriate controls are in place to prevent endangering military service members or the surrounding community.

3. The limited, case-by-case approval to consume alcohol at age 18 is a privilege, not a right. This paragraph is a lawful general order and applies to all military personnel. Violations may result in disciplinary action under Article 92 of reference (e) and other adverse administrative actions. For civilians, to include Department of Defense civilian personnel, violations may result in civilian criminal prosecutions and other adverse administrative action.

4. Commanders who desire to conduct unit parties where alcoholic beverages other than malt beverages will be served, and at locations other than those authorized in this Order, may submit a written request to the CG of MCRD PI, via the chain of command. The appropriate area commander must endorse the request. Requests must be received by the CG of MCRD PI at least seven (7) working days prior to the event.

5. Upon approval by the Commanding Officer of the organization concerned, malt beverages may be consumed in the enlisted dining facilities for special occasions during non-duty hours. Each occasion will be supervised by the Commanding Officer of the organization or his designated representative.

6. Upon approval of the Commanding Officer of the organization concerned and the expressed approval of the appropriate area commander, malt beverages may be consumed at organized recreation parties. Each party must be supervised by a commissioned officer, who will be responsible for the conduct of personnel attending and the proper police call of the area upon completion.

(b) Recreational/Athletic/Special Events. Malt beverages may be sold and dispensed at recreational, athletic, and special events for consumption by spectators subject to the following conditions:

1. Malt beverages will be served only through services provided by MCCS. Individuals are not authorized to bring alcoholic beverages to these events unless, due to the nature of the event, specific authorization is granted. Such authorization will be included in the event advertisements. Under no circumstances will alcoholic beverages in glass containers be permitted in the possession of spectators at these events.

2. Unit representatives responsible for organizing outdoor recreation, athletic, and special events at which malt beverages are to be sold and dispensed, will submit a request for this service to the CG of MCRD PI (Attn: Director, MCCS) via the chain of command (including the area commander). In addition, the requesting organization will be responsible for the thorough police call of the area upon completion of the event.

(5) Minors (to include family members and guests)

(a) In compliance with the laws of the state of South Carolina, no person under 21 years of age shall be employed in any activity to pour alcohol and no person under the age of 18 shall serve alcoholic beverages.

(b) No person under 21 years of age will purchase or consume alcoholic beverages in clubs or messes aboard this installation.

(c) No person under 21 years of age shall be in possession of alcoholic beverages aboard this installation.

(d) Personnel purchasing alcoholic beverages at any MCCS activity will comply with routine patron identification procedures.

(e) Diversion of alcoholic beverages purchased by authorized patrons in authorized sales outlets to unauthorized patrons, to include persons under those ages as specified above, is prohibited.

(6) Conduct and Decorum. Overindulgence at any club, mess, barracks, recreation party, or activity will not be condoned. Although direct responsibility for conduct and decorum rests with the individual, management and supervisory personnel, as well as employees directly involved in the serving of alcoholic beverages at clubs, messes, parties, etc., are directed to terminate service of alcoholic beverages to individuals where such action is in the best interests of the individual. Reasonable discretion shall be used in exercising this authority.

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(7) Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages

(a) Transportation of non-taxed alcoholic beverages off the Depot subject the transporter to applicable state tax laws.

(b) With the exception of MCCS, government vehicles shall not be used to transport alcoholic beverages unless specifically authorized by the CG (Attn: AC/S, G-4).

(c) Alcoholic beverages legally purchased off the Depot may be transported aboard for consumption as authorized herein.

(d) Alcoholic beverages in an open container may be transported in a motor vehicle aboard the installation only if transported in a compartment that is inaccessible to the driver and passengers of the vehicle. In vehicles with no separate compartments, such as trucks, sport utility vehicles, or hatchbacks, open alcoholic beverages must be transported out of reach and in a manner which does not facilitate ease of consumption. An open container is defined as any container, the seal of which has been broken and/or the cap/tab/stopper removed, whether or not any of the contents therein have been removed.

(8) Seizure and Disposition. Alcoholic beverages improperly possessed by any person on this installation are subject to seizure. Such items, when removed from the possession of any person on this installation, shall be tagged immediately with the name of the person or persons from who taken time, date, and place of seizure and the name of any witnesses they shall be placed in a secure place as evidence. At that time, appropriate disposition thereof shall be made.

5. Administration and Logistics


a. This order is punitive in nature, and violations of this order are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Violators who are not subject to the UCMJ may be subject to adverse administrative or legal processes.

b. Recommendations concerning the contents of this order are encouraged and invited. Recommendations should be submitted to the Director, MCCS.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This order is applicable to all Marines, Sailors, and civilians aboard MCRD PI.

b. Signal. This order is effective the date signed.


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