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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1700.22E W/CH 1

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL IN THE MARINE CORPS

Ref: (a) MCO P1700.24B
(b) MCO P1700.30

1. Situation. This Order establishes policies and provides requirements for implementation of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) measures and programs for the purpose of protecting individuals, and preserving unit readiness. Paragraph 4.a(1)(g) of this Order is punitive.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1700.22D.

3. Mission. This Order establishes the Marine Corps regulation for the administration and management of ABC, focusing on prevention efforts; establishment of Corps-wide minimum possession and drinking age; employment of personnel to dispense alcoholic beverages; sale of package alcoholic beverages; sale, possession, and consumption by the drink; sale, possession, and consumption of malt beverages; and the possession and consumption of alcohol in Government quarters.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Measures for ABC to prevent and deter abuse, as provided in reference (a), must be an integral part of the management of alcoholic beverages on Marine Corps installations and include the following:

(a) Sale of alcoholic beverages during recreational activities will be balanced with non-alcoholic beverages to encourage healthy lifestyles for Marines, their families, and friends.

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(b) Except as specifically authorized in this Order, the sale, purchase, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within any Marine Corps installation is prohibited.

(c) Marine Corps activities located at installations hosted by other Services shall also abide by the provisions of this Order and reference (a).

(d) Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) activities (including Marine Corps Exchanges (MCX) and morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR)) are not authorized to participate in any type of alcoholic beverage promotions sponsored by commercial enterprises that are directed or targeted primarily or exclusively at the military community. Examples of promotions include, but are not limited to, sweepstakes, lucky number events, bottle-top redemption, premiums, discount coupons, or providing sample products. This does not preclude conducting on-premise beverage tasting limited to sections of the building where alcohol is sold or served with adequate safeguards to ensure that drinking age and other restrictions on alcohol use are met. MCCS package beverage stores or other MCCS activities selling alcohol may participate in promotions available to the general public at large.

(e) In-store marketing of alcoholic beverages is limited to the section or area where alcohol is sold.

(f) Placement of alcoholic beverages and marketing items in locations that are normally used by underage patrons is not authorized.

>CH 1 (g) Minimum Age to Possess or Drink Alcoholic Beverages

1 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21 on any Marine Corps installation located in the United States or territories is prohibited. The minimum drinking age overseas will be based on the host nation's drinking age, international treaties and agreements, and on the local situation as determined by the local installation commander, but in no case shall it be below the age of 18. Minimum drinking age means the minimum age established for persons who may purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages.

2 Knowingly selling or providing alcohol (i.e. not checking ID's, selling to someone known to be underage) to anyone under the minimum drinking age is also prohibited.

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3 The commander of a United States Marine Corps installation may waive the age 21 requirement but not below 18 years of age, if such commander determines that the exemption is justified by special circumstances. Special circumstances are those infrequent, non-routine military occasions when an entire unit, as a group, marks at a military installation a uniquely military occasion such as the conclusion of arduous military duty or the anniversary of the establishment of a military service or organization. The event must be held on a military installation. The commander shall ensure that appropriate controls are in place to prevent endangering military service members or the surrounding community.

4 The authority to drink at age 18 is a privilege, not a right. This authority shall be administered by the commander based on his assessment of each Marine's maturity and ability to responsibly execute.

5 For military personnel, this paragraph is a lawful general order and applies without further implementation. Violations may result in disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), and/or other adverse administrative action. For civilians, violations may result in civilian criminal prosecution or other adverse action, including for DOD civilian personnel, adverse administrative action.

>CH 1 (h) Employment of Personnel to Dispense Alcoholic Beverages. In the United States, no person under 21 years of age will be employed to dispense, handle, or serve alcoholic beverages unless permitted by the laws of the state in which the installation is located. In such cases, the state minimum age laws may be followed. Outside the United States, no person under 18 years of age shall be employed to dispense, handle, or serve alcoholic beverages. A higher serving age shall be based on international treaties and agreements and on the local situation as determined by the local installation commander. MCCS employees involved in the sale, dispensing, or serving of alcoholic beverages will be trained in exercising alcoholic beverage control to enable "responsible" consumption. (Note: This policy does not apply to cashiers in MCX convenience stores or similar activities which simply sell packaged alcoholic beverages.)

(i) Sale of Package Alcoholic Beverages

1 The sale of packaged alcoholic beverages will be only at authorized MCCS Retail Outlets per reference (a).

2 Pricing for distilled spirits sold in CONUS shall be no more than 10 percent below the best local price in Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) states and no more than 5 percent less in non-ABC states.

3 Pricing for distilled spirits sold overseas shall be within the range of prices established for CONUS, unless the same alcoholic beverages are sold locally for less. Those alcoholic beverages may be sold for 10 percent less than the local price.

(j) Sale, Possession, and Consumption by the Drink. Installation commanders are authorized to permit the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages by the drink in the following facilities:

1 commissioned officers' clubs,

2 staff noncommissioned officers' clubs,

3 enlisted clubs,

4 consolidated clubs,

5 restaurants,

6 golf course clubhouses,

7 bowling centers, and

8 Marine Corps temporary lodging. This authority is limited to the on-premises sale of miniature-sized containers of distilled spirits and individual containers of malt beverages and wine.

9 VIP rooms and suites in bachelor officers' quarters. This authority is limited to the sale of miniature-sized containers of distilled spirits and individual containers of malt beverages and wine for on-premises possession and consumption in rooms or suites. Sales will be controlled by MCCS.

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10 Areas designated by the installation commander for command entertainment or organized social functions on an occasional basis.

(k) Sale, Possession, and Consumption of Malt Beverages. Installation commanders are authorized to permit the sale, possession, and consumption of malt beverages by the drink in the following facilities:

1 MCCS snack bars, and

2 bachelor officers' and staff noncommissioned officers' quarters. This authority is limited to the sale for on-premises consumption through vending machines which are under constant supervision to ensure the purchaser meets the required drinking age.

>CH 1 (1) Possession and Consumption in Government Quarters. Subject to the minimum drinking age, installation commanders are authorized to permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Government quarters as follows:

1 married officers' quarters,

2 bachelor officers' quarters,

3 married enlisted quarters,

4 bachelor staff noncommissioned officers' quarters,

5 bachelor enlisted quarters,

6 civilian employee quarters, and

7 temporary/recreation lodging activities.

(2) Concept of Operations. Guidance, instruction, and special emphasis programs will be developed at the installation-level to promote alcohol beverage control.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. Commanders shall ensure that ABC reflects command presence and leadership initiatives.

c. Coordinating Instructions. Commanders of Marine Corps installations and commanders of Marine Corps tenant activities permanently located aboard Government reservations, other than Marine Corps installations, will issue detailed alcoholic beverage control instructions. These instructions will conform

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to the provisions of references (a) and (b) and this Order. The provisions of this Order apply to Marine Corps activities and to individual Marines serving on other Government reservations.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. The Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA), Personal and Family Readiness Division (MR), is responsible for the publication of changes to this Order as required.

b. Commands proposing changes to this Order should contact the Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) (MR).

c. Waivers to this Order will be sent to CMC M&RA (MR) for consideration. Waivers must include how deviation from this Order will not adversely affect alcohol prevention efforts and/or glamorize alcohol.

6. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

b. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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REF A INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT MARINE CORPS ALCOHOL POLICY
IN REF B. 2. BACKGROUND. THE RECENT REVISION TO REF B BRINGS MARINE
CORPS POLICY IN ALIGNMENT WITH UNITED STATES NAVY POLICY IN ORDER
TO PREVENT INCONSISTENCIES. REF A MUST BE CHANGED TO REFLECT POLICIES
ESTABLISHED IN REF B. 3. ACTION. DELETE AND REPLACE CONTENT IN
PARAGRAPH 4A.1.(G), MINIMUM AGE TO POSSESS OR DRINK ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES, WITH THE FOLLOWING INDENTED UNDERSCORED NUMBERED
SUBPARAGRAPHS: A. "(1 UNDERSCORED) POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 ON ANY MARINE CORPS
INSTALLATION LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OR TERRITORIES IS
PROHIBITED. THE MINIMUM DRINKING AGE OVERSEAS WILL BE BASED ON
THE HOST NATION'S DRINKING AGE, INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND
AGREEMENTS, AND ON THE LOCAL SITUATION AS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL
INSTALLATION COMMANDER, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL IT BE BELOW THE AGE
OF 18. MINIMUM DRINKING AGE MEANS THE MINIMUM AGE ESTABLISHED FOR
PERSONS WHO MAY PURCHASE, POSSESS, OR CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
" B. "(2 UNDERSCORED) KNOWINGLY SELLING OR PROVIDING ALCOHOL
(I.E. NOT CHECKING ID'S, SELLING TO SOMEONE KNOWN TO BE UNDERAGE)
TO ANYONE UNDER THE MINIMUM DRINKING AGE IS ALSO PROHIBITED." C. "
(3 UNDERSCORED) THE COMMANDER OF A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
INSTALLATION MAY WAIVE THE AGE 21 REQUIREMENT BUT NOT BELOW 18
YEARS OF AGE, IF SUCH COMMANDER DETERMINES THAT THE EXEMPTION IS
JUSTIFIED BY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE
THOSE INFREQUENT, NON-ROUTINE MILITARY OCCASIONS WHEN AN ENTIRE

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UNIT, AS A GROUP, MARKS AT A MILITARY INSTALLATION A UNIQUELY MILITARY OCCASION SUCH AS THE CONCLUSION OF ARDUOUS MILITARY DUTY OR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY SERVICE OR ORGANIZATION. THE EVENT MUST BE HELD ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION. THE COMMANDER SHALL ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE CONTROLS ARE IN PLACE TO PREVENT ENDANGERING MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS OR THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. D. "(4 UNDERSCORED) THE AUTHORITY TO DRINK AT AGE 18 IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. THIS AUTHORITY SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMANDER BASED ON HIS ASSESSMENT OF EACH MARINE'S MATURITY AND ABILITY TO RESPONSIBLY EXECUTE." E. "(5 UNDERSCORED) FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL, THIS PARAGRAPH IS A LAWFUL GENERAL ORDER AND APPLIES WITHOUT FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION. VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER ARTICLE 92 OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ), AND/OR OTHER ADVERSE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION. FOR CIVILIANS, VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN CIVILIAN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OR OTHER ADVERSE ACTION, INCLUDING FOR DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, ADVERSE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION." F. IN PARAGRAPH 4A.1.(H), "EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", DELETE THE ENTIRE FIRST SENTENCE AND REPLACE WITH "IN THE UNITED STATES, NO PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE EMPLOYED TO DISPENSE, HANDLE, OR SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNLESS PERMITTED BY LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE INSTALLATION IS LOCATED. IN SUCH CASES, THE STATE MINIMUM AGE LAWS MAY BE FOLLOWED. OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, NO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE EMPLOYED TO DISPENSE, HANDLE, OR SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. A HIGHER SERVING AGE SHALL BE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS AND ON THE LOCAL SITUATION AS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL INSTALLATION COMMANDER." G. IN PARAGRAPH 4A.1.(L) "POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION IN GOVERNMENT QUARTERS," DELETE "OF 21". THE NEW SENTENCE WILL READ: "SUBJECT TO THE MINIMUM DRINKING AGE, INSTALLATION COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO PERMIT THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN GOVERNMENT QUARTERS AS FOLLOWS:..." //