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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL IN THE MARINE CORPS

Ref: (a) MCO 5300.17
(b) 10 U.S.C. 47
(c) MCO 1700.30
(d) SECNAVINST 5300.40
(e) MARADMIN 709/12
(f) MARADMIN 364/14
(g) 5 U.S.C. 552a
(h) SECNAVINST 5211.5E
(i) SECNAV M-5210.1

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, our community of family and friends, and preserving unit readiness. This Order complies with and conforms to requirements stated in the references. Paragraph 4.a(1)(j) of this Order is punitive.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1700.22F.

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 packaged 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 policy to prevent and deter abuse must be an integral part of the

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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 including water to support healthy lifestyles for Marines, attached Sailors, their families, and friends.

(b) Except as specifically authorized in this Order, the sale, purchase, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard 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 consumption 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 displayed.

(f) Alcoholic beverages will only be sold during designated times (0800-2200) in all MCX facilities.

(g) Alcoholic products and displays shall be in a consolidated location away from the main entrance of the facility (sides or rear), in a location not normally used by underage patrons.

(h) Distilled spirits (e.g., liquor) shall not be available at sites designated as Marine Marts adjacent to barracks.

(i) Facilities outside of the United States shall be evaluated on a site-by-site basis, consistent with existing ration programs and applicable Status of Forces Agreements (SOFA).

(j) Minimum Age to Possess or Drink Alcoholic Beverages

1. "Minimum drinking age" means the minimum age established for persons who may purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21 on any Marine Corps installation located in the United States or its territories is prohibited except as authorized by paragraph 3 below. The minimum drinking age overseas will be based on the host nation's drinking age, international treaties and agreements, and on the base order as determined by the local installation commander. In no case shall the minimum drinking age be below the age of 18.

2. Selling or providing alcohol to anyone under the minimum drinking age is prohibited. Persons selling or providing alcohol to another are required to take steps such as but not limited to checking identification (ID's) to ensure the person receiving the alcohol is above the minimum drinking age.

3. The commander of a Marine Corps installation may waive the age 21 requirement for military members, 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 waiver must be in writing and this authority may not be delegated. The event must be held on a military installation. The commander shall ensure that appropriate controls are in place for the safety of all involved. Military members under the age of 21 granted a waiver to drink alcoholic beverages under the authority of this paragraph shall not operate a motor vehicle within eight hours of consuming an alcoholic beverage. It is illegal for any

under-age person to drive a motor vehicle with any amount of alcohol in his/her system.

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/her 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 reference (b), and/or other adverse administrative action. For civilians, violations may result in civilian criminal prosecution or other adverse action, including for Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel, adverse administrative action.

6. In order to ensure age requirements and safe practices, alcoholic beverages may not be available for consumption at an event or facility that is unattended by trained servers.

(k) Employment of Personnel to Dispense Alcoholic Beverages

1. 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, agreements and base orders as determined by the local installation commander. MCCS employees involved in the sale, dispensing and serving of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption shall be trained in responsible alcoholic beverage service and re-certified annually. (Note: The minimum age requirement does not apply to cashiers in MCX convenience stores or similar activities for the sole purpose of selling packaged alcoholic beverages.)

2. Per reference (c) servers of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises shall be certified in responsible alcohol service and management. Each server shall annually renew and provide verification of the renewal within 30 days following expiration date of the previous training.

Management shall track employee progress for annual recertification of employees and ensure that employees that fall beyond the 30 day requirement are not permitted to serve alcohol until recertified.

(l) Sale of Packaged Alcoholic Beverages

1. The sale of packaged alcoholic beverages is solely authorized at MCCS Retail Outlets per reference (c).

2. Pricing for distilled spirits sold in the continental United States (CONUS) shall be no more than 10 percent below the best local price in 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. Alcohol beverages sold outside the continental United States (OCONUS) shall be sold for no more than 10 percent below the local price.

(m) Sale, Possession, and Consumption by the Drink. Installation commanders are authorized to permit the sale, either through direct or indirect MCCS (Food and Hospitality) operations, and consumption of alcoholic beverages by the drink in the facilities listed below. Malt beverages may be sold by the pitcher and wine may be sold by the carafe or as an opened bottle. Patrons of facilities numbered 1-8 are NOT authorized to bring (or possess) alcoholic beverages purchased outside these facilities. All alcoholic beverages shall be controlled, sold, and served by MCCS. Indirect operators of alcohol sales shall adhere to the same alcoholic beverage consumption policies as direct run operations.

1. Commissioned officers' clubs,
2. Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) clubs,
3. Enlisted clubs,
4. Consolidated clubs,
5. Restaurants,

- 6. Golf facilities,
- 7. Bowling centers,
- 8. Recreation centers, and

9. Marine Corps Temporary Lodging. This authority is limited to the on-premises sale of serving-sized containers of distilled spirits and individual containers of malt beverages, wine, and wine by the glass. Sales by the pitcher are not authorized. The term "malt beverage" is defined as "beer, lager, malt liquor, ale, porter and any other brewed or fermented beverage."

10. VIP Rooms/Suites and rooms in Transient Housing. This authority is limited to the sale of serving-sized containers of distilled spirits and individual containers of malt beverages and wine for on-premises possession and consumption in rooms or suites.

11. Units may request approval from the installation commander to allow malt beverage consumption for command entertainment or organized social functions in areas not defined in 1-10 above on a limited basis. Units may bring their own malt beverages with an identified command representative on site to ensure age restrictions are followed. If alcohol is to be sold during a function, MCCA (Food and Hospitality) shall oversee the sales via a direct or indirect operation.

(n) 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. MCCA snack bars, and

2. Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) and SNCOs' quarters. This authority is limited to the sale for on-premise consumption, which is under constant supervision to ensure the purchaser meets the required drinking age.

(o) Possession and Consumption in Government Owned Quarters. Subject to the minimum drinking age, installation commanders are authorized to permit the possession and

consumption of alcoholic beverages in Government owned quarters as follows:

1. Government Owned Family Housing,
2. BOQ/SNCO Quarters,
3. Bachelor Housing,
4. Wounded, Ill and Injured Housing,
5. Transient Housing,
6. Temporary/recreation lodging activities.

(p) Possession and Consumption by Civilian Employees. All civilian employees while aboard a Marine Corps installation, or acting in the official capacity of employment are prohibited from:

1. Consuming alcohol during working hours, other than a preapproved social event, such as a holiday party, when the consumption of alcohol has been authorized,
2. Reporting to duty under the influence of alcohol,
3. Operating government owned equipment or a privately owned vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and,
4. Purchasing alcohol for individuals who do not meet the minimum age requirements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

(q) Instances by civilian employees, who violate paragraph (p), above, shall be addressed in accordance with applicable policies and regulations.

(r) Civilian employees who violate paragraph (p), above, shall be referred to the appropriate Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

(2) Concept of Operations. Guidance, instruction, and special emphasis programs will be developed at the installation level to promote ABC policy.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. Commanders shall ensure that ABC policy 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 ABC instructions. These instructions will conform to the provisions of references (a) through (f), 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), is responsible for the publication of changes to this Order as required.

b. Commands proposing changes to this Order should contact the NAF Business and Support Services Division (MR).

c. The generation, collection or distribution of personally identifiable information (PII) and management of privacy sensitive information shall be in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, per references (g) and (h). Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited.

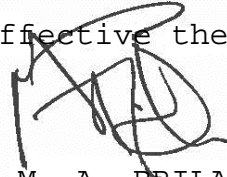
d. Records created as a result of this Order shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration approved dispositions per reference (i) to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

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



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