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BASE QUANTICO ORDER 5300.2C

From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital
Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico

To: Distribution List

Subj: POLICIES REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Ref: (a) MCO 1700.22G
(b) MCO 5300.17
(c) MCO 1700.30
(d) MCINCR-MCBQO 5101
(e) MARADMIN 512/14
(f) MARADMIN 293/13

1. Situation. The consumption of alcohol is a socially accepted practice. However, when this activity results in irresponsible behavior, drinking excessively, or leads to alcoholism, the consequences are often tragic. Alcohol abuse may cause traffic accidents (possibly resulting in fatalities), disorderly conduct, family dysfunction, diminution of work performance, and a variety of serious health problems. The consumption of alcohol is glamorized by the millions of dollars spent annually on advertising. Information about alcohol abuse, by comparison, is minimal and Marines are sometimes influenced by these often compelling advertisements. This Order provides guidance and encourages the responsible use of alcohol.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 5300.2B.

3. Mission. To provide guidance and instruction to Marines aboard Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCINCR-MCBQ) on the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages, per the references.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and concept of Operations

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(1) Commander's Intent. Implement and regularly provide guidance to all personnel assigned to MCINCR-MCBQ regarding Marine Corps Policies on alcohol abuse, dependence, and zero tolerance on issues such as drinking and driving, excessive consumption of alcohol, and public intoxication.

(2) Concept of Operations. This Order, when combined with the attitude that alcohol abuse constitutes unacceptable Marine behavior, is essential to the success of a prevention program.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Unit Commanders

(a) Commanders must ensure all Marines understand that consumption of alcohol is not essential to the development of unit and Marine Corps pride. Camaraderie can and should be developed through other more appropriate activities. All activities that encourage Marines to drink will be avoided; social functions where alcohol is the only beverage available are not authorized. Nonalcoholic beverages will be made available in equal proportion.

(b) A proactive measure readily available to commanders is the control over local command policies with regard to club operations, social gatherings, and recreational activities of the command. Commanders should ensure that these operations or functions do not promote the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Advertisements and sponsorship of command activities or events will not glamorize alcohol.

(c) Establish on-going programs to prevent drunk driving by Marines, their family members, and civilian employees. These programs can easily be linked to automobile and motorcycle safety programs and should be a major part of the commands' proactive phase programs.

(d) Commanders should institute policies which support low-risk drinking of alcohol in all aspects of unit sponsored club and community recreational activities. For women low-risk drinking is defined as no more than 3 drinks on any single day and no more than 7 drinks per week. For men, it is defined as no more than 4 drinks on any single day and no more than 14 drinks per week. These policies should include, but are not limited to ensuring that:

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1. Command sponsored activities which allow alcoholic beverages as gifts or at reduced prices are not encouraged;
 2. Suitable nonalcoholic beverages are readily available at all command supported activities where alcoholic beverages are offered;
 3. Food is available whenever alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits) are served;
 4. Drinking contests and other alcohol related games are not allowed;
 5. Alcoholic beverages are not offered as a prize;
 6. Alcoholic beverages are not sold or served to Marines who fail to meet foreign country or Virginia State Law minimum age requirement of 21 years old for purchase or consumption of alcohol;
 7. Command duty drivers are available to support planned command events to ensure Marines are transported back to the barracks and/or base housing if needed in order to prevent drunk driving.
- (e) Vigorously encourage peer protection programs for Marines going on liberty, including designation of nondrinking driver, and utilization of both the senior Marine present and buddy system to provide advice and take appropriate action if an individual's drinking appears excessive. Provide training and education on what is considered binge drinking and low-risk drinking.
- (f) Identify personnel who have problems with alcohol, and refer the individuals to the Consolidated Substance Abuse Counseling Center (CSACC). Non-medical counseling and treatment of Marines who are identified or suspected as having alcohol problems are to be conducted solely by those individuals designated in reference (b).
- (g) Encourage self-referral to CSACC of those who think they may have a problem.
- (h) Provide informational briefs to unit personnel concerning low-risk drinking prior to special events such as

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mess nights, wet downs, birthday balls, picnics, and field days. Included in these briefs should be an "arrive alive" theme and means to do so, reference (d).

(i) Maintain an awareness of alcohol abuse in the unit and discourage the glamorization of alcohol use as well as the attitude that being able to "hold one's liquor" is an admirable accomplishment.

(j) Require Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) to receive drug and alcohol abuse prevention training through a Commandant of the Marine Corps approved course, designated Unit Marine Awareness and Prevention Integrated Training (UMAPIT). UMAPIT is a one-time requirement for NCOs. It is designed to train small unit leaders (squad and section) to increase the decision-making skills of their Marines regarding alcohol use. Training modules are designed to produce positive behavioral change, not simply provide information. NCOs will use UMAPIT to train their subordinates on alcohol abuse prevention annually.

(k) Require supervisors (Officers, Staff Noncommissioned Officers (SNCOs), Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs), and Civilian Supervisors) to complete alcohol and drug abuse prevention training for supervisors (provided by the CSACC) annually. This training is different from UMAPIT, it is a required item on Inspector General (IG) inspections. UMAPIT is not to be used in lieu of this supervisor training. Civilian employees, in supervisory positions of Marines, are trained upon assumption of duties and every two years thereafter.

(l) In addition to supervisor training, commanders will identify two SNCOs or Officers to receive UMAPIT train-the-trainer training at the installation CSACC. Once trained, these individuals will train and support NCOs in the utilization and delivery of the UMAPIT course. Commanders will maintain two trained individuals at all times.

(m) Ensure Substance Abuse Control Officers (SACOs) coordinate with CSACC to provide drug and alcohol abuse early intervention training through a Commandant of the Marine Corps approved course, designated "Prime For Life 4.5" (PFL 4.5) to all Marines.

(2) Director, Marine Corps Community Services Division

(a) Limit reduced price periods (i.e. First Friday or Happy Hour) to no more than 2 hours per day. Prices will not

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be reduced more than 25 percent. When prices of alcoholic beverages are reduced, prices of nonalcoholic beverages will also be reduced. Offering complimentary food during happy hour enhances the event and may serve to make beverage price reductions unnecessary, as noted in reference (c).

(b) Promote the sale of nonalcoholic beer and drinks only to those patrons authorized to purchase alcoholic beverages.

(c) Ensure advertisements of alcoholic beverages comply with law and higher policies.

(d) Develop and promote Single Marine Program activities not involving alcohol consumption.

(e) Adopt mandatory identification checks for all individuals purchasing alcoholic and nonalcoholic beer and drinks.

(f) Provide classes to bartenders on how to recognize symptoms of alcohol abuse and how and when to set limits on drinks served.

(g) Educate servers on their responsibility and liability regarding the serving of alcohol to minors, i.e., a server may be held liable if they served alcohol to a minor, or if a person they served alcohol to commits a crime.

(h) Provide CSACC information at Welcome Aboard Briefs.

(i) Develop posters for distribution to all units outlining the problems of alcohol abuse and suggest alternative activities to alcohol consumption.

(j) Ensure CSACC coordinates with commands to develop education programs for supervisors (Officers, Staff Noncommissioned Officers (SNCOs), Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs), and Civilian Supervisors) which will enable them to educate assigned personnel on low-risk alcohol consumption, the multifaceted dangers of alcohol misuse, and early identification of and referral process for individuals(s) who have a problem with abuse.

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(3) Public Affairs Office. Publish articles in the Quantico Sentry on the adverse effects of alcohol abuse on a regular basis (at least quarterly).

5. Administration and Logistics. Submit recommendations for changes to this Order to the Commander, MCINCR-MCBQ (Attn: AC/S, G-1 and Director, MCCS), via the appropriate chain of command.

6. Command and Signal.

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all MCINCR-MCBQ subordinate and tenant commands, and Headquarter departments.

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

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