



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO  
525TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION (I/R)  
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ARSO-GTC-CO

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION LIST

SUBJECT: Consumption of Alcohol (Policy Number 9)

1. References:

- a. Uniform Code of Military Justice, 2012 Edition
- b. NAVSTAGTMOINST 11200.1C
- c. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 20 September 2012 (RAR)
- d. JTF-GTMO Policy #14.3, Use of Alcohol and Conduct Between Service members, dated 7 April 14.

2. My primary duty as the Battalion Commander is to ensure the Battalion is ready to conduct our assigned mission. The use of alcohol for social purposes is perfectly acceptable when done in moderation by persons of the legal drinking age and with proper control measures in place. Alcohol abuse, however, greatly detracts from our ability to accomplish our mission. It adversely affects an individual's physical and mental fitness, reduces unit readiness, contributes to personal and professional problems, and may place the abuser at risk as a victim of a crime.

3. I expect each Soldier assigned or attached to this Battalion to set the example for other members of our community. The irresponsible use of alcohol is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Soldiers who drink too much and make irresponsible decisions can jeopardize their safety as well as the safety of others. Driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol is a major concern and leaders at all levels must take proactive steps to prevent it.

4. Engaged leaders are our front-line defense against alcohol related incidents. This includes checking on Soldiers when they are off-duty and ensuring that social gatherings do not promote binge drinking. Leaders are encouraged to find ways to deglamorize the use of alcohol and promote a healthy lifestyle.

5. In order to ensure a proper acclimatization of newly arrived personnel and to facilitate a smooth transition, Soldiers will not consume alcoholic beverages within their first 14 days of arrival to U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. In addition, Soldiers departing GTMO will refrain from drinking alcohol 14 days prior to their departure. Consumption of alcoholic beverages less than eight hours prior to performing any duty

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is prohibited. This includes Stand-By duty.

6. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by a person under 21 years of age is strictly prohibited. Additionally, it is illegal to provide persons less than 21 years of age with alcohol or knowingly be present at a location where alcohol is being served to persons less than 21 years of age without intervening. All Soldiers have a responsibility to immediately intervene and report underage drinking. Bystanders may also be subject to administrative or disciplinary action if they fail to intervene. All quarters housing servicemembers will post a notice or sign in a format established by the JTF in front of unit listing the names of the residents who are under the age of 21 and stating that they are under the age of 21.

7. Public consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in the following areas/activities:

a. Public beaches where alcoholic beverages are permitted. Alcoholic beverage consumption is prohibited at Kittery Beach and Ferry Landing Beach (except during MWR sponsored events).

b. Outdoor dining areas of base clubs authorized to serve alcoholic beverages (during the hours of operation).

c. Within the confines of JTF-GTMO personnel government housing units and surrounding areas.

d. Parks and ball fields during regular use by facility patrons.

e. The golf course during regular use by facility patrons.

f. On recreational boats. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

8. Alcohol will not be consumed at any command-approved function unless approved by the Battalion Commander in advance.

9. Operating a tactical or non-tactical vehicle after or while consuming alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited. In addition, unit vehicles (tactical, non-tactical – including ATVs) will not be used to transport Soldiers to a location for the primary purpose of consuming alcohol. Personnel found to have been operating any vehicle under the influence of alcohol shall be subject to punishment under Article 92, UCMJ, or Article 111, UCMJ, as appropriate. Further, in accordance with NAVSTAGTMOISNT 11200.1C (Reference b)), Soldiers found to have been operating any vehicle under the influence of alcohol will have their driving privileges suspended on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for a period of one year from the date of the offense

10. No alcohol is allowed at any detainee camp or any area where detainees are located.

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11. An alcohol-related incident (ARI) is defined as any event involving the consumption of alcohol that results in formal charges by law enforcement officials, injury requiring hospitalization, failure to completely perform assigned duties, or violation of standing regulations. In the event of an ARI involving 525th Military Police Battalion (I/R) Soldiers, the following mandatory actions will be initiated, at a minimum, by the member's immediate chain of command:

a. Fit-for-duty screening to determine Blood Alcohol Content if the Soldier is within eight hours of reporting for military duty, including stand-by duty.

b. Notification to the next level in the chain of command regarding circumstances surrounding the incident and initial response.

c. Command-directed alcohol-dependency screening for all Soldiers involved to determine possible substance abuse/addiction and required follow-on care.

d. Immediate suspension of alcohol consumption privileges until the ARI is investigated and alcohol-dependency screening is completed. Suspension may be extended indefinitely by unit commanders depending on severity of incident, Soldier's previous conduct, and the likelihood of similar behavior in the future. If an investigation substantiates an ARI allegation, that individual shall have their alcohol purchase, possession, and consumption privileges revoked for the remainder of his or her tour. There are no exceptions to this policy.

e. If the incident occurred while operating any motor vehicle, the unit chain of command will immediately suspend the Soldier's driving privileges until the ARI is fully investigated and alcohol dependency screening is completed.

f. Formal documentation of the incident will remain in the Soldier's counseling packet. The Battalion Commander withholds the authority to impose adverse administrative action, non-judicial punishment, or punishment under UCMJ as deemed appropriate for all ARIs.

g. Initiate a suspension of favorable action (Flag) Code "V," Alcohol Abuse Adverse Action, IAW AR 600-8-2.

13. This policy is punitive.

14. Point of contact for this directive is the Battalion S1 at DSN: 660-8171.



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