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MEMORANDUM FOR 51 FW COMMANDERS

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Commander's Curfew Order and Policy Letter on Personal Conduct Off-Base

1. Military personnel stationed PCS, or on leave in Korea and reserve personnel performing annual or other training in the Republic of Korea (ROK), are subject to the articles of the Korean Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). This coverage applies to all branches of service. The objective of this order is to protect the health and safety of individuals, avoid confrontations with host nation law enforcement or civil authorities, and maintain proper standards of conduct, dress and appearance. Personnel who fail to comply with the provisions of this order are subject to punishment under the UCMJ, as well as to adverse administrative action and other adverse action authorized by applicable laws, regulations, or instructions.

2. Within the area designated by the Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, the Osan installation commander is responsible for maintaining good order and discipline for all personnel in paragraph one, and this authority is exercised through the 51st Support Group Commander and installation Security Forces personnel. It is your responsibility to meet the following requirements.

a. CURFEW. Established curfew hours are as follows, unless changed due to increased Force Protection Conditions or directed by the installation commander:

Sunday – Thursday nights: 2400 – 0500 Hours
Friday & Saturday nights: 0100 – 0500 Hours
Eves of U.S. Holidays: 0100 – 0500 Hours

1) During curfew hours, U.S. military personnel will not occupy any drinking establishment in the Pyongtaek City area, including, but not limited to, the area adjacent to the Osan AB Main Gate.

2) In addition, U.S. military personnel are also prohibited from remaining, during curfew hours, within the public areas of Pyongtaek City, including, but not limited to, the area adjacent to the Osan AB Main Gate.

3) U.S. military personnel residing permanently or temporarily on Osan AB must be on base NLT the start of curfew hours, i.e., NLT 2400 hours Sunday thru Thursday nights and NLT 0100 hours for Friday and Saturday nights and the eves of U.S. holidays. U.S. military personnel

may, however, remain off base overnight or on weekends on an infrequent basis, but may not reside off base unless authorized in writing by their unit commander.

4) U.S. military personnel in uniform will be permitted access to or exit from Osan AB at any time, including curfew hours, if on official business or transiting to/from their residence. They can not loiter or linger in the Pyongtaek City area, including, but not limited to the area adjacent to the Osan AB Main Gate. Personnel in civilian attire entering Osan AB during curfew hours will be considered in violation of the curfew policy unless they show documentation confirming the Installation Commander's approval.

5) Security Forces will use their best judgment when authorizing U.S. military personnel entry onto Osan AB during curfew hours, whether in or out of uniform, and may question and/or detain personnel who appear to be under the influence of alcohol and/or are demonstrating erratic or unacceptable behavior. Upon the request of a uniformed member of the Security Forces, individuals must produce their military identification and properly identify themselves.

6) Group or squadron commanders may, for military purposes, further restrict this order for U.S. military personnel assigned to their units.

7) Temporary changes to curfew hours will be made by the 51 FW/CC, as appropriate, and any changes will be advertised as widely as possible and be posted, as a minimum, at the Osan AB Main Gate.

b. **MILITARY CLOTHING.** Military uniforms will not be worn in local bars except by personnel performing official duties. They may be worn into eating establishments and local stores during non-curfew hours.

c. **CIVILIAN CLOTHING:** No one shall wear;

1) Gloves or bracelets studded with pointed or sharp metal objects, nor shall anyone possess brass knuckles.

2) Articles of clothing with words, pictures or drawing that are obscene, lewd, lascivious, degrading or insulting to the U.S. Government, its agencies or the ROK Government, its officials or the local populace.

3) Clothing which is soiled, torn or otherwise presents a ragged or unkempt appearance.

4) Transparent, excessively tight, or clothing with holes, which serves to accentuate sexual characteristics of the wearer.

5) Swimsuits as outer garments.

6) Fingerless gloves, unless driving or engaged in athletics.

7) Outlandish items of apparel worn for the purpose of attracting attention to the wearer.

c. OFF-LIMITS AREA. No one will knowingly enter an area designated as off-limits by the installation commander. At Osan AB, these areas are:

1) On or near the Beta Site railroad tracks except where they intersect with the main road.

2) Local market area during the hours of closure, unless residing in the area.

3) Soju tents and stand bars at all times. Restaurants, Karaoke bars and all clubs after established curfew hours.

4) Gambling establishments.

5) Suspected houses of prostitution.

6) Korean pharmacies.

7) Korean hospitals (emergencies excepted).

d. PERSONAL CONDUCT IN PUBLIC. Personnel will not:

1) Form in excessively large groups that will disrupt normal activities or disrupt the local populace.

2) Act in a manner that reflects poorly or unfavorably upon the U.S. Government.

3) Photograph dancers or other club/bar employees without prior consent.

4) Sit, stand or dance behind the club bar or on the stage, or sleep in the clubs, bars or restaurants.

5) Punch, hit, kick or otherwise strike the metal store coverings.

6) Hinder Security Forces personnel or interfere with their ability to perform their duties. Personnel will not interject themselves into a discussion or situation between Security Forces personnel and another individual.

7) Intervene between people involved in a physical altercation, whether they are Americans, foreign or Korean Nationals (except in a life threatening situation). Instead, notify Security Forces personnel immediately.

8) Underage Drinking: military and civilian personnel and their family members are prohibited from buying and/or consuming alcoholic beverages if under the age of 20.

e. BUSINESS DISPUTES. Personnel should not engage in disputes with local merchants. However, merchants and their customers will not always agree. Should you and a merchant become involved in a disagreement that cannot be calmly reconciled, return immediately to the Osan AB Main Gate and ask for a Security Forces representative to help resolve the situation. If you cannot resolve the dispute, consider bringing your complaint to the 51st Community Relations Advisor or the Osan AB legal office.

3. We are all responsible for our actions both in and outside the military compound. I urge you to assist Security Forces personnel in maintaining good order and discipline. Enjoy Korea, have fun, but please follow these rules and represent the United States proudly.

4. POC for additional information is 51 SFS/CC, 784-4148.



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