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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Letter 15, Single Soldier Quality of Life

1. PURPOSE. To establish policies concerning Single Soldier Quality of Life within the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.
2. APPLICABILITY. All soldiers assigned to or attached to 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division
3. REFERENCES. USAREUR Command Policy Letter 11, Soldiers Barracks, dated 01 Mar 1999.
4. POLICY. The Brigade's goal is to make the quality of life in the billets comparable to the living standards of soldiers living off post or in post housing. We want single Soldiers to have privacy, freedom of expression, and latitude as to how they conduct their personal life. This policy memo does not restrict the responsibility and authority of the commander to maintain discipline and ensure a high standard of readiness, hygiene, and training. What it does is place a greater responsibility on the individual Soldier and holds the Soldier accountable if he fails to meet these standards. The commander will still respond to misbehavior and abuse, as he deems appropriate. Commanders will implement the following standards:
 - a. Charge of Quarters. CQs will NOT be eliminated in the barracks. CQs will continue to represent their chain of command.
 - b. Barracks Room Size. Our goal, where space is available, is to assign only two junior Soldiers (SPC and below) or one noncommissioned officer per room. Soldiers may live off post with the commander's permission, but will not be entitled to BAQ. If the unit gives the Soldier permission to live off post without BAQ, the unit must provide storage for the soldier's military equipment.
 - c. Barracks Room Standard. Soldiers are not required to maintain their rooms in "Dress Right, Dress" arrangement. Rooms may be arranged to allow Soldiers maximum freedom of expression, while still emphasizing cleanliness, safety, and property accountability.
 - (1) If permitted by local post regulations, soldiers may have coffee makers, microwaves, electric irons, telephones, and cable television. Soldiers must ensure that appliances do not exceed power ratings.
 - (2) Items which espouse or attempt to create illegal discrimination or deny equal opportunity based on race, creed, color, gender, religion, or national origin, are prohibited and will not be displayed. In addition, items which would tend to promote sexual harassment or to create a hostile sexual environment are prohibited. This prohibition includes the display of pornography (pubic hair or sexual acts). Flags of any city, county, state, or country, past or present, will not be displayed except in accordance with AR 840-10, Flags and Guidons.
 - d. Barracks Room Inspections. Commanders will conduct random inspections for the purpose of maintaining a standard of safety, health/welfare, security, and property accountability. Commanders will conduct regular scheduled inspections of common use areas; i.e., stairwells, showers, latrines, laundry areas, and day rooms, etc. Commanders will conduct periodic presence checks in the barracks during off duty hours, both before and after midnight, to ensure a safe and healthy environment. Commanders will at a minimum, review the CQ logs, review list of any visitors in the barracks, and walk through the unit area to enforce any violations of barrack policies. NCO's will conduct daily room checks of their soldiers

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during duty days to ensure the health and safety of their soldiers and care of Government property and that the facilities operating properly.

e. Duty Rosters. Provide all Soldiers with predictable time off. Commanders will ensure that Soldiers living in the barracks are no more susceptible to duty than Soldiers residing in government housing or off post. "Hey you" details equate to poor prior planning and will not be tolerated. The standard is Soldiers will have, under normal circumstances, 7 days notice prior to duty.

f. Alcohol. Use of alcohol is authorized; abuse of alcohol is not. There are restrictions on the type or amount of alcohol stored or consumed in soldiers' quarters by any soldier 18 years of age or older. Soldiers above the legal drinking age will have no more than one six pack of beer or one fifth of liquor in their room, per soldier, unless permission have been granted previously by the unit commander. Soldiers below the legal drinking age will not store or purchase alcohol, nor will it be stored or purchased for them. If requested, every effort will be made to assign non-drinkers with other non-drinkers.

g. Visitation. The term "visitor" means anyone not a member of the 2nd BDE, 1st AD. Overnight guests are allowed in the barracks as long as the soldier has the approval of his roommate and Chain of Command.

(1) Visitors of either gender are authorized in unit dayrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, or the like, family support meeting places, and individual rooms. Sponsors are responsible for their guests! All guests must sign in and out with the CQ, and produce a photo ID to verify their age.

(2) Non-military personnel under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

(3) Commanders retain the right to limit visitation privileges in instances where: (a) abuse of this policy has occurred; (b) to maintain order and discipline; or when operational circumstances dictate increased levels of security.

(4) Consideration for other billets occupants is of paramount importance. The rights of the roommate will prevail in the event a dispute arises concerning guests in the room.

(5) Guests will abide by all unit policies and Army Regulations, as a condition of the visit.

h. Command Presence. All units will establish and maintain a presence of command during off-duty. The purpose is to know what goes on and to fix problems or situations.

i. Contraband. Soldiers may not have contraband items in the barracks or in their privately owned vehicles. Examples include illegal drugs, fireworks, firearms, bows, blowguns, pyrotechnics, or other items designated by the Commanding General of the installation.

5. Paragraphs 4.c.(2), 4.f. and .g. of this Policy Letter in punitive in nature. Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division may be Court-Martialed, receive Nonjudicial Punishment, or receive Adverse Administrative Action, or both, for violations of Paragraph 4.c.(2), 4.f. and .g. of this Policy Letter.

6. This policy supersedes the previous policy, is effective immediately, and will be posted on all unit bulletin boards.

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