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AIR STATION ORDER 1746.19B

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station New River
To: Distribution List

Subj: POSSESSION, SALE, AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Ref: (a) MCO 1700.22G
(b) MCO P1700.27B W/Ch 1
(c) MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 1700.6B
(d) MCO 1700.29
(e) 10 U.S.C. 47

Encl: (1) Sample Letter Requesting Age Waiver for Personnel
Under 21 Years of Age to Consume Alcohol at Unit
Functions Aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River

1. Situation. Regulations must be established for the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the limits of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River, pursuant to the references.

2. Cancellation. ASO 1746.19A.

3. Mission. MCAS New River shall implement a policy for alcoholic beverage control (possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages) aboard the Installation.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Alcohol has proven to be a key factor across the spectrum of force preservation issues negatively impacting the readiness of our forces. This Order is designed to provide information, clarify regulations, and promote responsible decisions and plans regarding the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard the Installation.

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distribution is unlimited.

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(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Definitions. The term "alcoholic beverages," when referred to in this Order, includes but is not limited to all distilled spirits, wines, beer, and ale containing at least one-half of one percent (0.5%) alcohol by volume. "Distilled spirits" means all types of liquor including, but not limited to, whiskey, rum, brandy, gin, and mixtures thereof (i.e. cocktails). "Fortified wine" means any wine of more than sixteen percent (16%) and no more than twenty-four percent (24%) alcohol by volume, made by fermentation. "Unfortified wine" means any wine of sixteen percent (16%) or less alcohol by volume made by fermentation. A "malt beverage" is defined as "lager, malt liquor, ale, porter, beer, and any other brewed or fermented beverage, except unfortified or fortified wine, containing at least one-half of one percent (0.5%) and not more than fifteen percent (15%) alcohol by volume."

(b) Authorization. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by personnel age 21 and older is authorized. All authorized personnel are expected to demonstrate maturity and responsibility in the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages. Commanders may revoke such authorization at any time for individuals who abuse the privilege; the power of revocation is non-delegable. The Commanding Officer, MCAS New River must specifically authorize, in writing and in special circumstances, the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age within a Marine Corps activity aboard the Installation who, because of age, is otherwise prohibited to do so by local law. The process to request authorization is further detailed below.

(c) Prohibitions. Except as provided in this Order or specifically authorized in writing by the Commanding Officer, MCAS New River on a case-by-case basis, the possession, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages by those under the age of 21 is prohibited aboard the Installation. These prohibitions are fully effective and may constitute a basis for disciplinary action under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, without the need for further implementing directives.

5. Administration and Logistics

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a. Minors (to Include Family Members and Guests)

(1) In compliance with the laws of North Carolina, no person under 18 years of age shall be employed in any activity to dispense or serve alcoholic beverages.

(2) No person under 21 years of age shall be in possession of alcoholic beverages aboard this Installation, unless otherwise authorized by the Commanding Officer, MCAS New River.

(3) No person under 21 years of age will purchase or consume alcoholic beverages in clubs, Installation housing facilities, or any other facilities aboard this Installation, unless otherwise authorized by the Commanding Officer, MCAS New River.

(4) The Commanding Officer, MCAS New River may waive the age 21 requirement, but not for individuals below 18 years of age, if he/she determines that the exemption is justified by special circumstances.

(a) Special circumstances are those infrequent, non-routine military occasions when an entire unit, as a group, commemorates a unique military occasion such as the conclusion of arduous military duty or the anniversary of the establishment of military service or organization.

(b) The MCAS New River Commanding Officer's authority to provide a written waiver is non-delegable. A waiver is administered based on his/her assessment of each Marine's maturity and ability to responsibly execute the unit's operational risk management plan for the individual event.

(c) Enclosure (1) provides a sample letter for the purpose of requesting age waivers. The letter should be signed by the unit's Commanding Officer and arrive at the Office of the Station Staff Judge Advocate for approval a minimum of 14 days prior to the event.

(d) At such occasions, alcohol distribution and consumption shall be controlled and monitored by a command designee who shall be specifically assigned for such purpose. Said designees shall be either a Staff Noncommissioned Officer,

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Warrant Officer, or Commissioned Officer. Said designees shall not consume alcohol at the event while serving alcohol.

(e) Military service members under the age of 21 who are granted a waiver to drink alcoholic beverages shall not operate a motor vehicle within eight hours of consuming an alcoholic beverage. The command shall take appropriate measures to ensure transportation of such minor service members to and from the occasion.

(5) In order to enforce age requirements and to serve alcohol responsibly, alcoholic beverages may not be available for consumption at "help yourself" or unsupervised servings when minors are in attendance.

b. Possession and Consumption in Quarters and Special Areas Designated for Command Entertainment or Organized Social Functions. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is authorized in Government quarters and in those areas designated by the Commanding Officer of MCAS New River, for command entertainment or organized social functions on an occasional basis. Commanders are responsible for establishing proper supervision to ensure that personnel are of the required drinking age, which is age 21 and older. The following areas are under proper supervision, and are authorized areas for consumption of alcoholic beverages:

- (1) Married Officers' Quarters.
- (2) Bachelor Officers' Quarters.
- (3) Married Enlisted Quarters.
- (4) Bachelor Enlisted Quarters.
- (5) Bachelor Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Quarters.
- (6) Visiting Officers' Quarters.

Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge will establish maximum reasonable quantities of alcoholic beverages authorized for Bachelor Enlisted Quarters under their jurisdiction. See individual units' guidance.

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(7) Marina Party Rooms/Outdoor Recreation Areas/Training and Event Center. With the approval of the Commanding Officer, MCAS New River, the following is authorized:

(a) Alcoholic beverage consumption is authorized for the Marina Party Rooms and the Training and Event Center.

(b) Alcoholic beverage consumption is authorized for all designated outdoor recreation areas.

(c) A designated responsible officer will be accountable for the conduct of personnel and the policing of these areas. That designated responsible officer will not consume alcohol at the event and shall ensure all persons at said event are age 21 or over unless an age waiver has been granted.

(d) Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages during recreational activities and unit events will be balanced with non-alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to, water and sports drinks to support healthy lifestyles for Marines, Sailors, and their families and friends.

(8) Bowling Center. Possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages other than those purchased from the Snack Bar located in the Bowling Center is prohibited. Alcoholic beverages purchased in the Bowling Center will not be removed from the building.

c. Consumption During Duty Status. All personnel, appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, and military personnel are prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages while on a duty or working status. Consumption of alcoholic beverages within eight hours before duty or work status is also prohibited or as prohibited by other specific work related regulation (i.e. aircrew 12 hours).

d. Motor Vehicles and Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages

(1) Consumption of any alcoholic beverages in any motor vehicle on MCAS New River is prohibited.

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(2) Persons transporting alcoholic beverages beyond the limits of MCAS New River become subject to North Carolina state laws.

(3) North Carolina law prohibits the transportation of distilled spirits and fortified wines in excess of two gallons. In addition, the transportation of malt beverages off Station is limited to two cases.

(4) Transportation of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles, with the seal broken, is prohibited except if the beverages are locked in the trunk or other compartment and not accessible to occupants of the vehicle. In vehicles with no separate compartments, such as trucks, sport utility vehicles, or hatchbacks, alcoholic beverages must be transported in the area behind the last upright back seat, out of reach of the driver and passengers and in a manner that does not facilitate ease of consumption.

(5) Alcoholic beverages purchased from the Marine Corps Exchange activities aboard the Air Station may be retained in the purchaser's motor vehicle for a reasonable period of time after purchase to permit transportation to an authorized location.

e. Purchasing Alcohol for Minors. Individuals age 21 and older are prohibited from purchasing alcohol for individuals who are under age 21. Purchasing packaged alcoholic beverages for the purpose of providing said beverages to unauthorized patrons/minors is a serious offense and where substantiated will be punished. The purchase of alcoholic beverages by individuals will be made with the understanding that such purchases are not to be resold or bartered.

f. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by the Drink

(1) The sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink is authorized in the following locations subject to the provisions of this Order:

(a) The Landing at New River.

(b) Bowling Center Snack Bar.

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(c) Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) - designated establishments staffed by trained servers and approved by the Commanding Officer.

(2) Alcoholic beverages may be sold Monday through Friday during the luncheon hour (1100 to 1300) with meals. However, sales will not be made to military personnel in uniform or civilian employees in a working status.

g. Sale of Packaged Alcoholic Beverages

(1) Packaged alcoholic beverages for (off-premises of Marine Corps Exchange) consumption are authorized through the Marine Corps Exchange.

(2) Alcoholic beverages may be purchased by military and retired personnel and their dependents over the age of 21 at Marine Corps Exchange sales activities as authorized by the Marine Corps Exchange Officer, Marine Corps Installations East, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

(3) Alcoholic beverages may be purchased individually, in a six/twelve-pack, case, or keg. Appropriate identification must be presented prior to purchase.

(4) The purchase of alcoholic beverages is authorized only for personal consumption and normal social occasions. Purchase for resale or promotion of business interests is not authorized.

h. Conduct at MCCS Facilities or Unit Events.

Overindulgence will not be condoned. Although direct responsibility for their own conduct rests with the individual, management and supervisory personnel at clubs, unit events, and facilities are directed to terminate service of alcoholic beverages to individuals where such action is considered to be in the best interest of the individual. Reasonable discretion will be used in exercising this authority.

i. Operation of Boats at the Marina. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on Government owned boats, including MCCS watercraft rentals at the Marina, is not authorized. Possession or consumption is authorized for passengers in privately owned boats, but the operator of the

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boat is subject to the blood alcohol limit imposed by the State of North Carolina.

j. Seizure and Disposition. Alcoholic beverages improperly possessed by any person on this Installation are subject to seizure. Such items, when taken from the possession of any person on this Installation, shall be tagged immediately with the name of the person(s) possessing the alcoholic beverage(s) including the time, place of seizure, and the names of witnesses, and shall be maintained in a secure place as evidence. At that time, appropriate disposition thereof shall be made by the appropriate command authority.

k. Athletic Events. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted at any athletic event involving student participants from the Department of Defense (DoD) Education Activity or any civilian schools.

l. Questions pertaining to the content of this Order should be directed to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, MCAS New River.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command

(1) This Order is applicable to MCAS New River and all tenant commands.

(2) This Order is punitive in nature. Violations may result in disciplinary action under Article 92 of reference (e), and/or other adverse administrative action. For civilians, violations may result in civilian criminal prosecution or other adverse action, including adverse administrative action for DoD civilian personnel.

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

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Sample Letter Requesting Age Waiver for Personnel Under 21
Years of Age to Consume Alcohol at Unit Functions Aboard
Marine Corps Air Station New River

1700

Office Code

Date

From: Commanding Officer, (Unit/Organization)
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station New River
Via: Chain of Command

Subj: REQUEST FOR WAIVER FOR PERSONNEL UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE TO
CONSUME ALCOHOL AT (UNIT FUNCTION) ABOARD MARINE CORPS
AIR STATION NEW RIVER

Ref: (a) ASO 1746.19B

Encl: (1) Roster of Personnel Under the Age of 21

1. Per the reference, it is requested that the Marines and Sailors under the age of 21 of (Unit) be authorized to consume alcohol. The enclosure is a listing of all Marines and Sailors under the age of 21.

2. The unit will be conducting a (Warrior Night) (Mess Night) (Marine Corps Ball) on (date) from (time) to (time) at (location).

3. During this function, the executive officer, squadron gunnery sergeant, and two corpsmen will not be consuming alcohol. All Operational Risk Management steps and measures (explain) will be in place and are provided within this request.

4. The point of contact for this matter is (billet, rank name) at 449-xxxx.

I. M. COMMANDING

Enclosure (1)