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**BASIC LIBERTY GUIDELINES
FOR
ACTIVE DUTY SAILORS/NAVY CIVILIANS ON OKINAWA**

- Ref: (a) COMNAVFORJAPANINST 1050.5 (Liberty Pass Policy)
(b) COMNAVFORJAPANINST/COMNAVREGJAPANINST 5800.47 (Limitation on Consumption of Alcohol by Active Duty Navy Personnel Assigned or Attached to Ashore/Afloat Commands, at, Visiting, or Forward Deployed to Japan)
(c) CFAO Command Policy on E-4 and Below Liberty of 18 Jun 07
(d) CFAOINST 5800.1 (Limitation on Consumption of Alcohol by Navy Personnel in Okinawa, Japan)
(e) USFJ Instruction 31-2005 (Motor Vehicle Operations and Traffic Supervision)
(f) COMNAVFORJAPAN 5800.9Q (Vehicle Operations, Traffic Control, and Administrative Policies)
(g) CFAO Guidelines for Use of Government Vehicles by Deployed Personnel
(h) 18th Wing Instruction 21-204 (Kadena Air Base Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision)

Who this applies to: All Sailors, Navy Civilians, and Navy SOFA Dependents stationed on, deployed to, or TAD/TDY to Okinawa, Japan and assigned to USN units. Sailors in a leave status, attached to the Marines or USNH Okinawa, may be subject to different rules as indicated by the items below denoted with an asterisk. (*)

Off-base Liberty:* For all Sailors E-4 and below, off-base Liberty expires at 2359. This is considered White Card liberty. Sailors E-4 and below entering or exiting Armed Forces installations during the time periods shortly before and after 2359 will be directed by gate sentries to produce their White Liberty card. After 90 days on island, Sailors E-4 and below may apply for a Blue Liberty Card. Blue Liberty Cards are granted to Sailors who demonstrate good behavior. Sailors not in compliance with liberty regulations will automatically be subject to disciplinary action. Sailors E-4 and below must have their Liberty Cards (White or Blue) in their possession at all times. Sailors E-5 and above are not required to have and will not be issued a liberty card. (* Sailors attached to Marine units or USNH Okinawa are subject to different liberty card policies.)

Drinking:* The legal drinking age in Japan is 20 years old. **Effective 11 June 2010** and until further notice, public consumption of alcohol by Navy personnel is **prohibited after 2400**. Additionally, Navy personnel **must vacate** all bars or establishments whose primary purpose is to serve alcohol by 2400. This order does not prohibit consumption of alcohol in government or private personal quarters if otherwise authorized. These changes apply to all Navy personnel including Officers and Chief Petty Officers and without regard to Blue or White Liberty Card status. (*Sailors assigned to Marines may have different drinking policies)

Driving: Driving a POV or GOV is authorized if you possess a valid SOFA driver's license issued in Japan. TAD/TDY personnel will not typically be issued POV licenses. Operation of a motor vehicle while using a cell phone is prohibited on all installations and off-base. (Use of a cell-phone with a hands-free device is permitted.) Drivers cited on Kadena Air Base (KAB) for using a cell phone while operating a vehicle will have their Driver's license automatically suspended for 30 days. Seatbelt use is mandatory on and off base. Drivers cited on KAB for failing to wear their seatbelt or for operating a car with passengers not wearing their seatbelt will have their license automatically suspended for 7 days.

Vehicle Accidents: If involved in any vehicle accident on or off-base, no matter how minor or who was at fault, do not leave the immediate scene of the accident until you have been released by the appropriate US security forces. If you do not know the appropriate office, call any of the following and you will be directed:

- USMC - Provost Marshall Office (PMO), Camp Foster : 645-3423 Cell: 098-970-3423
- USAF - 18th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), Kadena: 634-2475 Cell: 098-961-2475
- USN - Naval Security Forces, White Beach: 622-1410 Cell: 090-9789-9728
- USA - Military Police, Torii Station: 644-4715, Cell: 098-956-1206

Use of Government Vehicles (GOV):* Off-base use of GOVs is prohibited unless on official business. GOV use by TDY personnel at all eating, shopping, and MWR facilities on KAB, Camp Shields, and White Beach is permitted, if use is on the same installation TDY personnel reside on. Use on other installations, other than the residence installation, must be approved by the CO of TDY unit or CO's designated representative. GOVs shall only be operated on major roadways and routes and not on unpaved roads, whether driving on or off-base. GOVs shall not be used to move or jump-start other vehicles unless GOV is specifically equipped or designated by Public

Works to perform these functions. GOVs shall not be used to transport non-military personnel except as authorized by NAVFAC P-300. (*Sailors assigned to Marines or attached to USNH Okinawa may have different GOV policies)

Drinking & Driving: As in the U.S., operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol is illegal.

- If you have consumed any alcohol the best alternative is to call a Taxi or Daiko (replacement driver) service.

Off-Base: The legal limit is .03%. In Japan (off-base) passengers traveling in vehicles with drivers above the legal limit are also guilty of drunk driving. (Fines in Japan for drunk driving can run up to \$5000)

On-Base:

- Operating (or in actual physical control of) a vehicle with a BAC of .03% to less than .05% is Driving While Drinking INDICATED (DWDI); if found guilty of DWDI your license will be suspended for 30 days.
- Operating (or in actual physical control of) a vehicle with a BAC of .05% to less than .10% is Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI); if found guilty of DUI your license will be suspended for 6 months to one year.
- Operating (or in actual physical control of) a vehicle with a BAC of .10% or higher is Driving While Intoxicated (DWI); if found guilty of DWI your license will be suspended for two years.
- On KAB, the Air Force enforces a policy where passengers in vehicles with drivers who are intoxicated (.05%) drivers will ALSO have their license suspended for Six months. Passengers who are in vehicles with drunk (.08%) drivers will have their license suspended for One year.
- These suspensions are honored by the other services. Refusing to submit to BAC or drug content test will result in automatic one year driver's license suspension.

Off-Limits Establishments: The following establishments are off-limits to all Sailors, Navy civilians and Navy SOFA dependents. The Armed Force Disciplinary Control Board reviews establishments quarterly and places off-limits those establishments that pose a threat to the health, safety, welfare, morale and discipline of SOFA personnel:

- **Bernard's Garage:** Located at 1163 Aza-Noborikawa, Okinawa City, Okinawa, 904-2142 for failing to deliver vehicle(s) and perform mechanical work, after accepting payment by SOFA personnel for these services.
- **Events Sponsored By Parties International:** The events hosted by this company glamorizes and encourages the overconsumption of alcohol, fails to prevent violent conduct, and encourages and undisciplined "no holds barred" atmosphere where event attendees may be exposed to risky and dangerous behavior.
- **Tokyo Shoten Bookstores:** (2 locations), located at Highway 23 at 820-6 Kamisedo, Chatan-Cho, Okinawa and on Highway 43 at the Wakasa Building, 2-1-7 Wakasa, Naha City, Okinawa for selling merchandise containing child erotica and other sexually explicit material involving children.
- **The Ground Tobacco Shop:** Located on the second floor of 1-5-9 Mihama, Chatan-Cho, Okinawa for sales and distribution of methylone, an illegal drug under both U.S. and Japanese law.
- **Shampoo:** Located at 1-20-15 Misato, Okinawa City, Okinawa for prostitution.
- **Takahara Hotel:** The "Haunted Hotel" located in Ishado Nakagusku Village, Okinawa for unsafe conditions including debris such as broken glass, large displaced rocks, large vehicle parts, and hanging concrete.
- **Samurai Gate:** Located at 1-8-1 Chuo, Okinawa City, Okinawa for selling prohibited substances.
- **Stoner's Den:** Located at 2-17-1 Makishi, Naha City, Okinawa for selling prohibited substances.
- **Yoshihara Red Light District:** Located in Okinawa for prostitution.

While not all encompassing, this sheet is intended as a primer and compiled from the instructions, policies, and guidelines listed in references (a) through (h).


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By signing this document, you affirm that you have read and understood the policies in effect for Sailors, Navy Civilians and SOFA Dependents here on Okinawa.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Command: _____

Sponsor (if applicable): _____

*****Questions regarding this policy should be directed to your chain of command or CFAO Legal Office at 632-3974*****