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NAVSUPPACT NAPLES INSTRUCTION 1752.1G

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy

Subj: MARRIAGE OF U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

Ref: (a) COMNAVREGEURAFCENTINST 1752.1B
(b) MILPERSMAN 5352-030
(c) NAVEUR/NAVAFINST 5402.1
(d) MILPERSMAN 1300-150

1. Purpose. To promulgate procedures for Department of the Navy (DON) personnel stationed at U.S. Naval Support Activity (NAVSUPPACT), Naples, Italy, and NAVSUPPACT Naples Detachment Gaeta, Italy, who desire to marry foreign nationals.
2. Cancellation. NAVSUPPACTNAPLESINST 1752.1F
3. Scope. This instruction applies to the following U.S. Navy personnel:
 - a. All military personnel in the DON and all naval activities located ashore in the Campania region and the City of Gaeta, Italy, who desire to marry foreign nationals.
 - b. All military personnel in the DON who desire to marry foreign nationals, except military personnel in the DON who report to a local area coordinator, other than NAVSUPPACT Naples, in the Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (CNREURAFCENT) command area, as per reference (a).
4. Policy
 - a. It is not the intent of this instruction to prevent or discourage marriage, but rather to protect both U.S. citizens and aliens from potentially disastrous effects of entering into an international marriage without full appreciation of its implications and applicable U.S. immigration laws.
 - b. It is the policy of the DON that all active duty personnel have the same right to enter into marriage as any other citizen of the United States in the same locality. Nevertheless, all U.S. Navy personnel stationed worldwide who desire to marry a foreign national outside the United States shall obtain prior written authorization, as per reference (b).

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- a. All personnel identified in paragraph 3 shall obtain an authorization from the NAVSUPPACT Naples Commanding Officer (CO) before entering into marriage.
- b. If a service member fails to obtain authorization before marrying a foreign national, he/she must request "recognition of the marriage." The same requirements as for authorization to marry apply.
- c. A dependent shall not receive the benefits of command sponsorship in the absence of an authorization to marry or recognition of the marriage.
- d. Each applicant shall submit a request for authorization to marry or for recognition of the marriage using the format outlined in enclosures (1) and (2) of reference (a). The application shall be addressed to NAVSUPPACT Naples CO, via the applicant's chain of command. The application with chain of command endorsement may be delivered to Region Legal Service Office, Europe, Africa, Central (RLSO EURAFCENT), for coordination with NAVSUPPACT Naples. Applications may be mailed to U.S. Region Legal Service Office, Europe, Africa, Central, PSC 817 Box 8, FPO AE 09622-0008. RLSO EURAFCENT will provide legal counseling through a judge advocate or attorney or, where none is available, by a legal officer or designated official, as per reference (a).
- e. Applicants are strongly encouraged to be proactive when filing a Petition for Alien Relative, Form I-130, for prospective spouses (and prospective stepchildren) to immigrate to the United States. The petition is filed with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Useful information, including Form I-130, may be found at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website at www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis. Contact the Region Legal Service Office for further assistance.
- f. Applicants who possess an active security clearance are advised to report their intent to marry a foreign national to their security manager prior to submitting an application under this instruction.
- g. Upon review of the application to marry and all supporting documents, and after appropriate counseling, the decision regarding permission to marry will be communicated to the applicant in writing via the chain of command.
- h. For an applicant planning to marry in Italy, the applicant and prospective spouse must contact RLSO EURAFCENT to complete all documentation as required by Italian law.

6. Action by Commanding Officers of applicants. COs or Officers-in-Charge (OICs) of applicants shall:

- a. Advise members contemplating marriage not to make arrangements for a wedding prior to receiving authorization from NAVSUPPACT Naples.

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b. Advise members contemplating marriage that while no medical screening is required in this marriage authorization process, U.S. Immigration authorities may require a medical examination in connection with prospective spouse's application for a non-immigrant visa to enter the United States.

c. Verify financial evidence presented by the applicant to ensure the prospective dependent(s) will not become a public charge (E-6 and below only).

d. Provide appropriate marriage counseling and inform the applicant and the prospective spouse they may seek, on a voluntary basis, the counsel of a chaplain of their choice. No applicant is required to meet with a chaplain.

e. Forward the application with all supporting documentation and endorsement(s) to RLSO EURAFCENT for coordination with NAVSUPPACT Naples. Make a definitive recommendation for authorization or disapproval in the endorsement. Comment on any special considerations, such as step-children, pregnancy, or early rotation date. In those cases where disapproval is recommended, include a detailed explanation in the endorsement.

f. Extend the benefits of command sponsorship upon request of the service member as per reference (d), only after the marriage and only after the service member received authorization for or recognition of the marriage in line with this instruction.

7. Enforcement. Navy personnel subject to this instruction who marry without permission are subject to disciplinary action for violation of a lawful general order.

8. Exemptions. Any requests for an exception of modification to the rules set forth in this instruction will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

9. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at: <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

10. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, NAVSUPPACT Naples will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This

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instruction will be in effect for 10 years unless revised or cancelled in the interim and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.



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