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BASIC ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION & LIBERTY GUIDELINES FOR SAILORS / NAVY CIVILIANS / NAVY SOFA DEPENDENTS ON OKINAWA

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT MSG DTG 032318ZDEC14
(b) COMUSJAPAN Memorandum of 26NOV2014 (Liberty Policy for All U.S. Military Forces Located and Operating in Japan)
(c) 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)
(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 5800.9(series) (Vehicle Operations, Traffic Control, and Administrative Policies)
(g) CFAOINST 5820.3(series) (Motor Vehicle Operations, Licensing, and Administrative Penalties)
(h) 18th Wing Instruction 21-204 (Kadena Air Base Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision)

Who this applies to: All Sailors, Navy Civilians, and Navy Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) Dependents stationed on, deployed to, or posted to temporary duty to Okinawa, Japan and assigned to USN units. Navy personnel attached to USMC units may be subject to different rules. Being in a leave or special liberty status does not constitute an exemption to these guidelines. Authorized Commanders as defined in reference (a) may grant individual case-by-case exceptions for specific circumstances, to the curfew and liberty buddy requirements.

Off-Installation Liberty

Curfew: Per references (a) and (b), all military personnel in the paygrade of E-5 and below, including those in a TDY/TAD status, on leave, and in normal or special liberty status in Japan, are subject to curfew between 0100 and 0500. During curfew hours, military members subject to the curfew must either be (1) on U.S. military installation; (2) in an off-installation residence, quarters, or lodging (e.g. hotel); or (3) in the performance of official duties (including duty related/commute travel between an off-installation residence, quarters, or lodging and place of duty).

Buddy System: Per references (a) and (b), military personnel in the grades of E-5 and below who are in a TDY/TAD status, leave status, or pass status in Japan, or who are deployed to Japan, shall be accompanied by a liberty buddy from 2200 to 0500 when on liberty, when off a military installation. The buddy requirement is not applicable to military personnel permanently assigned on permanent change of station orders in Japan or to personnel deployed on orders to Japan for 150 days or more as part of a unit deployment. This does not preclude Unit Commanders from exercising their authority to direct liberty buddies based on Local circumstances while the unit is away from its home port in Japan.

A liberty buddy may be (1) an active duty military member; (2) another person covered by the Status of Forces Agreement (a spouse, accompanied family member, or a U.S. civil service employee); (3) other family members, or (4) a responsible individual (including a foreign national) who has been approved by an Authorized Commander.

Alcohol Consumption

Basic Rules: The legal drinking age in Japan is 20 years old.

Off-installation: The times for off-installation public consumption of alcohol will be in accordance with references (a) and (b), which state all military personnel, regardless of grade, are prohibited public consumption of alcohol between 0000 and 0500 (on all days, including holidays). Public consumption of alcohol is any consumption of alcohol off of a military Installation, except when in an off-installation residence, quarters, or lodging.

Military personnel who consume alcohol on-installation may be permitted off-installation liberty. All personnel are expected to exercise common sense and due regard for safety.

Driving: All Sailors, Navy civilians and Navy SOFA dependents as in the U.S., operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol is illegal. The blood alcohol content (BAC) limit is .03 percent here in Japan. If you have consumed ANY alcohol call a taxi or "daiko" (replacement driver) service. Any driver with a BAC of .03 percent or higher operating or in control of an automobile or other conveyance remain subject to existing orders and will be cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. Passengers traveling in vehicles with drivers above the legal limits are also guilty of local drunk driving laws and potentially face fines up to $5,000. References (e) through (h).

Vehicle Accidents: All Sailors, Navy civilians and Navy SOFA dependents if involved in any vehicle accident on or off-base, no matter how minor or who was at fault, do not leave the scene until released by US security forces. You may call any Service security force for assistance.

- 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

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. The following establishments are off-limits by order of CFAO dated 21 January 2016:

a. Bar Sakura, 1-10-15, Chuo, Okinawa City;
b. Bon Bon Dou, 1-9-8, Uechi, Okinawa City;
c. Color, Takara Building, 2-6-34 Makishi, Naha City;
d. Fantasy Space Okinawa, 2 Chome 17-46 Makishi, Naha;
e. Green House, 1-3-1 Uechi, Okinawa City;
f. Ground Tobacco Shop, 2F 1-5-9 Mihama, Chatan-Cho;
g. Heaven's Smell (formerly Samurai King), 1-8-1 Chuo, Okinawa City;
h. Herb Shot Garu-Garu, 2-7-2 Wakasa, Naha City;
i. High Times, 1-6-2 Chou, Okinawa City;
j. Jah Reggae Shop Okinawa, 1-6-20, Chuo, Okinawa City;
k. OM's Herb Shop, 3-7-12 (2d Floor) Yafuso, Urasoe City;
l. Soft Cream (and distribution service "Lequio Herb"), 1-15-8, Okinawa City;
m. Stoner's Den, 2-17-1 Makishi, Naha City;
n. Takahara Hotel, adjacent to the Nakagusuku Castle in Ishado Nakagusuku Village;
o. Tokyo Syoten Bookstore, Highway 23 at 820-6 Kamisedo, Chatan-Cho;
p. Yasu Ichi Bookstore, 2-1-10 Chatan, and,
q. Yoshihara Red Light District, except establishments with a storefront that faces 329 or 330 are not off-limits.

This order is punitive and will remain in effect until revoked or modified under my authority. Penalties for violation of this order include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions for military and civilian personnel, to include adverse administrative action or trial by court-martial.

M. D. MICHEL, CAPT, USN

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/Department: _____
Sponsor (if applicable): _____

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