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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Army Garrison (USAG) Fort Belvoir

SUBJECT: Fort Belvoir Policy Memorandum #21, Fort Belvoir Public Display of Flags and Other Decorations

1. References:

a. 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326, *Political Activities*.

b. Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, *Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces*, February 19, 2008.

c. Secretary of Defense Guidance Memorandum on Public Display or Depiction of Flags in the Department of Defense, 16 July 2020.

2. Purpose. To prescribe policy for the public display of flags and other decorations on Fort Belvoir.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all USAG Fort Belvoir Directorates, organizations assigned, attached, and partner personnel at Fort Belvoir.

4. Policy:

a. Consistent with reference a, service members and civilian employees are authorized to publicly display or depict the American Flag and the following flags that promote unity and esprit de corps:

(1) Flags of U.S. States and Territories, and the District of Columbia;

(2) Military Service flags;

(3) Flag or General Officer flags;

(4) Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed civilian flags;

(5) Senior Executive Service (SES) or Military Department-Specific SES flags;

(6) The POW/MIA flag;

(7) Flags of other countries, for which the U.S. is an ally or partner, or for official protocol purposes;

(8) Flags of organizations in which the U.S. is a member (e.g., NATO); and

(9) Ceremonial, command, unit, or branch flags and guidons.

b. This guidance applies to public displays or depictions of flags by service members and civilian employees in all Fort Belvoir work places, common access areas, and public areas, but not limited to:

(1) Office buildings, aircraft, water vessels, hangars, garages, conference rooms, individual offices, cubicles, storage rooms, tool and equipment rooms, workshops, breakrooms, kitchens, recreational areas, commissaries, Army and Air Force Exchanges, and restrooms;

(2) Sensitive compartmented information facilities and other secure facilities;

(3) Open-bay barracks and commons areas of barracks and bachelor quarters;

(4) School houses and training facilities; and

(5) All spaces or items in public view, such as the outside areas of any Department of Defense buildings and government-operated or public-private venture housing (e.g., parking lots, yards, gazebos, or porches).

c. The public display or depiction of unauthorized flags in museum exhibits, on state-issued license plates, grave sites, memorial markers, monuments, educational displays, historical displays, or works of art, where the nature of display or depiction cannot be reasonably viewed as endorsement of the flag by the Department of Defense, is not prohibited.

d. Other decorations (including signs, posters, banner or similar devices) in work places, common access areas, and public areas should be consistent with dignity and respect for others and adhere to references a and b, which limit public display of partisan political materials in the federal workplace and in military housing areas, including privatized housing.

5. Proponent. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Plans, Training,

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