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**Legal Services**

# **Prohibited Conduct**

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**History.** This is a minor revision.

**Summary.** This regulation addresses prohibited and regulated conduct, occurring on and off the installation. This regulation is punitive. Servicemembers who violate this regulation are subject to disciplinary action or prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian employees who violate this regulation may be disciplined under United States Code, Title 5, §§ 7501-7543, civilian personnel regulations, or Fort Bliss regulations. Servicemembers and civilians who violate this regulation may be barred from the installation. They may also be subject to other administrative or criminal action under federal or state law, to include prosecution under United States Code, Title 18, § 1382.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all servicemembers and civilians assigned to, or on Fort Bliss, including, but not limited to, Main Post (West Fort Bliss), East Fort Bliss, William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC), McGregor Range, Oro Grande Base Camp, and all Fort Bliss maneuver and training areas. Where the provisions of this regulation differ from the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between this installation and an exclusive bargaining unit, the provisions of that agreement apply for employees covered by that agreement.


**Proponent and exception authority.** The proponent of this regulation is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss. The Staff Judge Advocate has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling laws and regulations. Requests for exceptions or waivers must have the endorsement of the unit's brigade commander and be sent to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, ATTN: AFBL-MJ, 11685 Sergeant Major Boulevard, Fort Bliss, Texas 79918.

**Army management control process.** This publication does not contain management control provisions.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

**Suggested Improvements.** Users of this regulation are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, ATTN: AFBL-MJ, 11685 Sergeant Major Boulevard, Fort Bliss, Texas 79918.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

#### **1-1. Purpose**

This regulation addresses prohibited and regulated conduct for servicemembers and civilians while assigned to, or within the boundaries of, Fort Bliss.

#### **1-2. References**

Required and related publications are listed at Appendix A.

#### **1-3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms**

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

#### **1-4. Violations**

This regulation is punitive. Servicemembers who violate this regulation are subject to disciplinary action or prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Civilian employees and civilians who violate this regulation may be subject to prosecution in United States federal court, barred from post, referred to civilian authorities, or subject to disciplinary and administrative action according to appropriate civilian personnel regulations. Servicemembers and civilian employees are responsible for the conduct of their dependents and guests while on Fort Bliss.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Sexual Harassment and Equal Opportunity Violations**

#### **2-1. Sexual Harassment**

Sexual harassment is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated. Leaders at all levels will create and maintain an environment conducive to maximum productivity and respect for human dignity. Sexual harassment destroys teamwork and negatively impacts combat readiness. Successful mission accomplishment can be achieved only in an environment free of sexual harassment for all personnel. Sexual harassment of civilians or servicemembers by servicemembers or civilian employees is prohibited. Servicemembers and civilian employees are prohibited from making deliberate or repeated unwelcome verbal comments, non-verbal conduct, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature. Personnel in a supervisory or command position are prohibited from using or condoning implicit or explicit sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the career, pay, or job of a servicemember or civilian employee.

#### **2-2. Equal Opportunity**

Servicemembers and civilian employees are prohibited from taking any action that unlawfully or unjustly results in discrimination or unequal treatment of persons or groups based on race, color, gender, national origin, or religion. The use of terms intended to degrade or connote negative statements pertaining to race, color, gender, national origin, or religion is also prohibited. Servicemembers and civilian employees will not be accessed, classified, trained, assigned, promoted, or otherwise managed on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, or religion.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Firearms, Weapons, Explosives, and Fireworks**

#### **3-1. Restrictions on Use and Possession of Privately Owned Weapons**

The following privately owned weapons are restricted and may be used only as outlined below.

a. *Compressed air-powered weapons.* Individuals are only authorized use of air rifles, air pistols, BB guns, and paint-ball guns for target practice in authorized target areas, such as the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club. Use is not authorized anywhere else on the installation. Sponsors must supervise anyone under 18 years of age at all times when handling such a weapon. Although individuals do not have to register these weapons, they will store them in accordance with paragraph 3-4 of this regulation.

b. *Bows and arrows.* Individuals may use bows and arrows, to include crossbows, for hunting or target practice only in authorized hunting and target areas, such as the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club.

They may not be used elsewhere on the installation. Although individuals do not have to register these weapons, they will store them in accordance with paragraph 3-4 of this regulation.

c. *Martial arts devices.* Transportation and use of such items, including, but not limited to, bows, staffs, spear heads, nunchaku, swords, sai, ninja hand claws and foot spikes, and throwing stars is authorized only as part of an approved training program. Such martial arts training programs must be approved by the Fort Bliss Garrison Commander. Individuals are prohibited from carrying these items except during transport to and from training sessions. At no time, even during transport, may an individual possess a martial arts device in a public use area unless there is an authorized training, tournament, or other exhibition at that location. Although individuals do not have to register these weapons, they will store them in accordance with paragraph 3-4 of this regulation.

### **3-2. Prohibited Privately Owned Weapons and Contraband**

a. Individuals may not use or possess the following privately owned weapons on the installation:

- (1) Any fully automatic weapon.
- (2) Any rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches, or any shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a shotgun or rifle with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- (3) A silencer/suppressor for any weapon.
- (4) Explosives.
- (5) Knuckles.
- (6) Any illegal knife as defined by this regulation.
- (7) Blackjacks, slappers, saps, billy clubs, nightsticks, riot batons, homemade clubs, garrotes, sap gloves, maces, tomahawks, and other related items.
- (8) Electrical stun guns, tasers, cattle prods, and other similar devices capable of emitting an electrical charge.
- (9) Blowguns and other devices capable of discharging darts or needles.
- (10) Armor piercing ammunition.
- (11) Any firearm which has the importer's or manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, or altered.

b. Items described in sub-paragraph a, above, are considered contraband and subject to permanent confiscation by appropriate military authorities.

### **3-3. Registration of Privately Owned Firearms**

a. Except as described below in paragraph 3-3b, no individual may introduce a privately owned firearm onto Fort Bliss until it is first registered with the Provost Marshal Office.

b. Firearms brought to the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club, for use at that facility only, will be registered locally at the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club prior to use in accordance with the Club's procedures. A firearm registered at the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club may not be brought anywhere else on the installation unless first registered with the Provost Marshal Office.

c. Servicemembers and civilians who reside permanently or temporarily on Fort Bliss have 72 hours to register any firearm introduced onto the post. Pending registration, individuals will store privately-owned firearms in a unit arms room or the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club. After registration, individuals will store them in accordance with paragraph 3-4 of this regulation.

d. Commanders may not issue any requirement, or collect or record information relating to privately-owned firearms that are not brought on a military installation, except as authorized by Public Law 111-383, Section 1062 and 1057 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

### **3-4. Storage of Privately Owned Weapons**

a. Sub-paragraphs *b-e*, below, apply only to privately owned firearms introduced onto the Fort Bliss military installation. These storage requirements do not apply to privately owned firearms that are never brought onto the Fort Bliss military installation.

b. All newly-arrived individuals who do not have a unit assignment must temporarily use the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club, a unit arms room, or a suitable off-post storage facility to store their privately owned firearms.

c. Individuals living in on-post family quarters must store their firearms in a locked container (e.g., gun safe, gun cabinet) or with a trigger-locking or action-locking device on the firearm. Firearm ammunition must be stored in a locked container. If the firearm is not stored in the family quarters as described, the firearm must be stored in the unit arms room, the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club, or a suitable off-post storage facility. The individual signed for the quarters is responsible to ensure the proper storage of all firearms and ammunition located within the quarters, regardless of ownership.

d. Servicemembers living in barracks will store their firearms in the unit arms room, the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club, or other suitable off-post storage facilities.

e. With the exception of a unit arms room and transportation of privately owned firearms to authorized locations for authorized purposes, individuals will not possess or store privately owned firearms in a privately owned vehicle, or any part of any barracks, dining facility, office, motor pool, or other unit area.

### **3-5. Use and Transportation of Privately Owned Firearms**

a. Individuals may possess, carry, and use properly registered privately owned firearms on Fort Bliss only in the following circumstances:

- (1) For marksmanship activities in authorized areas such as the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club.
- (2) For hunting in designated areas.
- (3) For storage or removal from storage in accordance with paragraph 3-4 of this regulation.
- (4) For purchase or sale.
- (5) For the performance of official duties by federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel authorized to carry firearms or weapons.

(6) Transportation to or from one of the above permitted activities.

b. The possession, transportation, and use of privately owned firearms and weapons, when authorized in accordance with paragraph 3-5a of this regulation, is subject to the following restrictions:

(1) All individuals who enter Fort Bliss with privately owned firearms must immediately report possession of the firearms to the Access Control Point guard personnel and state the reason they are bringing firearms onto the installation. Unregistered firearms will not be allowed on the installation except in two circumstances: (1) a newly arrived servicemember may bring unregistered firearms onto the installation for storage in a unit arms room or at the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club; or, (2) a servicemember may bring newly purchased unregistered firearms onto the installation for immediate storage in a unit arms room or at the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club. Transportation of firearms under these exceptions must be directly to the storage site and it must be registered within 72 hours.

(2) Patrons of the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club may transport privately owned firearms directly to and from the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club without first registering the privately owned firearms with the Provost Marshal.

(3) Individuals under the age of 18 may possess, transport, and use privately owned firearms and weapons only under adult supervision. Servicemembers are responsible for the actions of their minor family members and guests who possess or use firearms or weapons.

(4) Storage of a privately owned firearm in a vehicle is prohibited. When transported in a vehicle, a privately owned firearm must be unloaded and stored in the trunk or in a locked container designed to secure firearms.

(5) Except as provided by Army Regulation (AR) 190-14, no individual, under any circumstance, may carry a privately-owned firearm in a concealed manner while on Fort Bliss, regardless of possession of any state permit or license to do so.

(6) Servicemembers will not possess, transport, or use privately-owned firearms during a military exercise of deployment unless authorized, in writing, by the Commanding General.

### **3-6. Carrying of Firearms by Law Enforcement Personnel**

An officer, agent, or employee of a federal agency, a state, or a political subdivision thereof who is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any



violation of law may carry a government-issued firearm(s) on the installation while in an on-duty status. Firearms carried under this circumstance do not have to be registered with the Provost Marshal Office.

### **3-7. Loss or Disposal of a Privately Owned Firearm**

Individuals will immediately notify the Provost Marshal Office when they sell, lose, dispose of, or lose control of a registered privately owned firearm. Contact the Fort Bliss Military Police Desk at 915-744-1237.

### **3-8. Compliance with Applicable Civilian Laws Governing Firearms**

*a. Generally.* The prohibitions and restrictions contained in this chapter are intended to be enforced in conjunction with, and in addition to, applicable local, state, and federal laws, and regulations governing firearms, weapons, and ammunition. Compliance with this regulation does not relieve individuals of the obligation to comply with local, state, and federal laws, or regulations governing firearms, weapons, and ammunition.

*b. Servicemembers affected by firearms and ammunition possession prohibition.* Title 18 United States Code Section 922 ("Brady Bill") prohibits certain individuals from possessing, purchasing, and transferring firearms and ammunition. The Department of Justice (DoJ) has interpreted the provisions of 18 USC 922 as applying to military servicemembers affected by the prohibitions/restrictions listed below. Commanders will, after consultation with their servicing judge advocate, notify and counsel servicemembers affected by the prohibition/restrictions under 18 USC 922.

(1) Felony conviction. Servicemembers convicted at a general court-martial of an offense punishable by more than one year confinement. This does not apply to convictions for an offense with a maximum punishment of more than one year confinement at a special or summary court-martial or to foreign convictions. This does not preclude a servicemember from possessing or using a government-issued firearm for an official government purpose. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1).

(2) Fugitive from justice. Servicemembers processed for Absent Without Leave (AWOL)/Desertion after court-martial charges were preferred, for offenses other than AWOL/Desertion, or when an open law enforcement investigation was pending against the servicemember for offenses other than the AWOL/Desertion. This does not preclude a servicemember from possessing or using a government-issued firearm for an official government purpose. This does not apply to servicemembers who are AWOL/processed for desertion without pending charges. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(2).

(3) Unlawful user of/addicted to controlled substance. Servicemember with: 1) positive urinalysis result for a controlled substance deemed illegitimate use by medical review officer pursuant to Army Regulation 600-85, or 2) court-martial conviction or non-judicial punishment for a drug offense in violation of Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or Article 92, UCMJ. The unlawful user disability/prohibition is a temporary disability that extends one year from the later date of, the date the drug offense was discovered (positive urinalysis) or the date of adjudication of the drug offense (non-judicial punishment or court-martial). This does not preclude a servicemember from possessing or using a government-issued firearm for an official government purpose. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(3).

(4) Adjudicated a "mental defective." Servicemembers adjudicated as lacking mental responsibility for any offense charged, or lacking capacity to stand trial or found guilty only by reason of lack of mental responsibility pursuant to UCMJ Article 50A/76B, Rule for Court-Martial 706/909. This does not apply to servicemembers committed by a commander/MEDCOM personnel voluntarily or involuntarily to a mental health facility. This also does not preclude a Servicemember from possessing or using a government-issued firearm for an official government purpose. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(4).

(5) Discharge from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions. Servicemembers with an approved dishonorable discharge or dismissal. This does not apply to bad-conduct discharges or other than honorable discharges. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(6).

(6) Subject to a civilian court domestic violence protective order. A servicemember who is subject to an order restraining the servicemember from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or their child or engaging in conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to their child issued by a civilian court after a hearing at which the servicemember had notice and an opportunity to participate that includes a finding that the servicemember represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the intimate partner or child or explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the intimate partner or child. This does not apply to a Military Protective Order. This also does not preclude a servicemember from possessing or using a government-issued firearm for an official government purpose. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8).

(7) Conviction of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence (Lautenberg). A servicemember convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense at a special court-martial or convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense with a maximum punishment of one year or less of confinement at a general court-martial. A qualifying domestic violence offense is an offense with an element of force or attempted force where the victim is the current or former spouse of the servicemember, the child of the servicemember, a child over which the servicemember had guardianship, a person with whom the servicemember shares a child in common, or someone who cohabitates or cohabitated with the servicemember as spouse, parent, or guardian or similarly situated thereto. This does not apply to summary courts-martial or to felony domestic violence offenses at a general court-martial. A servicemember may also have a qualifying conviction of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from a civilian court. The civilian court that imposes the order will be the agency responsible for reporting this disability to the FBI, but commanders should still notify affected servicemembers of the impact. Note that this is the only disability that precludes a servicemember from possessing both personal and government firearms under 18 USC 922. However, Army Regulation 600-20, paragraph 4-22 extends the Lautenberg prohibition against use of a government weapon to felony convictions of domestic violence. Servicemembers with a qualifying conviction (misdemeanor or felony) will complete DD Form 2760 with their commander. See 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(9).

(8) Indicted on a felony offense. Applies to servicemembers with at least one court-martial charge punishable by more than one year confinement referred to a general court-martial. This does not apply to servicemembers with charges referred to a special or summary courts-martial. This does not apply to servicemembers with preferred charges, only referred charges. Servicemembers may also have a qualifying indictment from a civilian court. The civilian court that indicted the servicemember will be the agency responsible for reporting this disability to the FBI, but commanders should still advise affected servicemembers of the impact of the indictment. This disability is temporary and will last until the servicemember is convicted (in which case the felony conviction disability applies), acquitted of charges, or charges are dismissed with or without prejudice. This disability does not prohibit the possession of currently-owned personal firearms/ammunition, but does prohibit the purchase of new firearms/ammunition. See 18 U.S.C. 922(n).

## **Chapter 4**

### **Prohibited Substances and Drug Paraphernalia**

#### **4-1. Prohibited Substances**

*a. Prohibitions on servicemembers.* Servicemembers are prohibited from using, purchasing, possessing, introducing, manufacturing, distributing, advertising, selling, or attempting to do so, any of the following substances or items:

(1) Controlled substance analogues (designer drugs) such as synthetic cannabis and other THC substitutes ("Spice"), derivatives of 2-aminopropanal ("Bath Salts"), synthetic cocaine ("RTI-126"), or any other substance similarly designed to mimic the effects of a controlled substance on the human body without an approved medical use in the United States.

(2) Dietary supplements that are banned by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(3) Chemicals, propellants, or inhalants with the intent to induce excitement, intoxication, or stupefaction of the central nervous system.

(4) Prescription or over-the-counter drugs and medications when used in a manner contrary to their intended medical purpose or in excess of the prescribed dosage.

(5) Any other substance similarly designed to mimic the effects of a controlled substance on the human body without an approved medical use in the United States.

(6) Drug paraphernalia.

*b. Prohibitions on civilians.* Civilians are prohibited from using, purchasing, possessing, introducing, manufacturing, distributing, advertising, selling, or attempting to do so, any of the substances or items listed in paragraph 4-1a of this regulation while on Fort Bliss.

*c. Exceptions.* This paragraph does not apply to:

(1) The otherwise lawful use of alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, or commercially available energy drinks.

(2) The use of controlled substances by any person for whom they have been lawfully prescribed in accordance with applicable state and federal law, so long as such substances are used in a manner

consistent with their intended medical purpose and the instructions of the prescribing physician.

(3)

#### **4-2. Prescription Medications**

a. Possession of a prescribed controlled substance is prohibited unless the individual in possession of the controlled substance – or, in the case of a juvenile, a parent or guardian of a child who – has been prescribed the controlled substance by a licensed provider in accordance with Department of Defense and Department of the Army guidance.

b. Any controlled substance received from a competent medical authority must be stored in the original container and used in accordance with the supervising physician's directions.

c. Individuals taking authorized prescription medications that may contain controlled substances must inform their chain of command prior to giving a sample at a urinalysis.

d. The transfer or sale of prescription medications by unauthorized servicemembers or civilians is prohibited.

e. Prescriptions for controlled substances expire six months after the last prescription date. After six months, use of the prescribed medication is prohibited.

### **Chapter 5**

#### **Prohibited Travel to Certain Locations in Mexico**

##### **5-1. Policy**

The narcotics-related violence in Mexico continues to present an unacceptable risk to the health, safety, welfare, and morale of Department of Defense personnel and their Families. As such, servicemembers are prohibited from unofficial land travel into and throughout certain border cities and states in Mexico.

##### **5-2. Prohibited States and Cities in Mexico**

a. Travel to or through the following Mexican states is prohibited: Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Estado de Mexico, Guerrero, Jalisco, Michoacan, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tamaulipas, and Zacatecas. All Mexican cities that are both within prohibited Mexican states and within 50 miles of the U.S.- Mexico border are off-limits to all servicemembers assigned or attached to Fort Bliss.

b. This prohibition does not affect travel to other areas of Mexico, as long as such travel is approved in accordance with applicable regulations and policies regarding leave and passes. However, servicemembers will use extreme caution at all times while traveling to and through areas not currently prohibited and will follow the requirements of AR 600-8-10 and AR 525-13, accordingly. All personnel considering travel anywhere in Mexico will view the State Department website and comply with posted restrictions, advice, and warnings.

c. Use of an official United States passport for unofficial travel is prohibited.

##### **5-3. Official Travel to Mexico**

a. Official travel to the prohibited states is limited to mission essential travel only. A country and theater clearance through APACS is required for all official travel to Mexico. Servicemembers on official travel to Mexico are required to travel with an official U.S. passport, travel orders, and government identification card.

b. Commanders will ensure the servicemember is advised that they are required to travel with and present a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document such as a passport or a passport card when re-entering the United States. For servicemembers, this includes U.S. military identification with military travel orders in their possession.

c. Commanders will ensure the servicemember has completed Antiterrorism Awareness training and has a training certificate dated within 90 days of the requested travel date.

d. Upon brigade-level commander approval, leaders will ensure the servicemember submits a travel request to the Brigade S2 to coordinate submission of a threat clearance request no less than 14 days prior to the date of requested travel. The Brigade Commander will conduct, complete, and maintain a command approved risk assessment no less than 14 days prior to the date of requested travel. Leaders will ensure the servicemember has received an appropriate threat / area briefing from a qualified Antiterrorism Officer / Brigade S2 within 30 days of the date of requested travel.

## **Chapter 6**

### **Online Conduct**

#### **6-1. Policy**

The Army values require that everyone be treated with dignity and respect. This is a critical component of the Army profession. As members of the Army team, individuals' interactions offline and online reflect on the Army and its values. The Army values apply to all aspects of our life, including online conduct. Harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, and any other type of misconduct that undermines dignity and respect are not consistent with Army values and negatively impact command climate and readiness. Servicemembers or civilian employees who participate in or condone online misconduct may be subject to criminal, disciplinary, and/or administrative action.

#### **6-2. Responsible Online Conduct**

Servicemembers and civilian employees are encouraged to tell the Army story. Nothing in this policy prohibits or limits the responsible use of social media. Similarly, consistent with military law and customs, nothing in this policy forbids or is intended to discourage the respectful expression of dissenting opinions.

## **Chapter 7**

### **Demonstrations, Political Activity, and Offensive Speech**

#### **7-1. Demonstrations**

- a. Demonstrations, picketing, sit-ins, protest marches, political speeches by candidates for public office, political advertisements and signs, and similar activities are prohibited on Fort Bliss.
- b. Servicemembers are prohibited from participating in picket lines or other public demonstrations off Fort Bliss in the following circumstances:
  - (1) During the hours they are required to be present for duty.
  - (2) When in uniform.
  - (3) When violence is reasonably likely to result.

#### **7-2. Indecent and Offensive Language or Displays in Public Places**

- a. Indecent language is prohibited. Display or wear of signs, pictures, bumper stickers, flags, or clothing that is pornographic, profane, vulgar, or which is offensive to religious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, or racial groups, in a public use area is also prohibited.
- b. The display of fake testicles from vehicles, also known as "truck nuts," "bumper balls," "bumper nuts," and "truck scrotums," is prohibited on Fort Bliss.
- c. Indecent and offensive language or displays by servicemembers or civilians that creates a public disturbance or nuisance may result in a bar to the installation.

## **Chapter 8**

### **Distribution of Printed Materials, Solicitation and Peddling**

#### **8-1. Distribution of Printed Materials**

- a. Publications may be distributed only through regularly established and approved distribution outlets. Any exceptions must be approved by the Directorate of Information Management. Publications include pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, handbills, flyers, and other printed material.
- b. This restriction does not apply to approved official unit fundraising activities.

#### **8-2. Solicitation and Peddling**

- a. Solicitation shall be in accordance with the provisions of AR 210-7.
- b. Door-to-door solicitation on the installation by any type of vendor (such as encyclopedia, vacuum cleaner, consumer product) is prohibited.
- c. Children who are members of recognized organizations such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and school youth groups may sell their wares door-to-door after receiving approval from the Garrison.

Commander. Approved door-to-door sales are authorized between the hours of 1600 and 1900 on weekdays and between 1000 and 1900 on Saturdays. Door-to-door sales are prohibited on Sundays and holidays.

d. The company-level commander will designate the time and place for solicitation of enlisted personnel quartered in barracks. Authorized solicitations will be conducted on an individual basis by appointment only and may not be during duty hours. Commanders are responsible for determining whether the individual requesting permission to solicit is authorized to do so on Fort Bliss.

## **Chapter 9**

### **Installation Access**

#### **9-1. Entry to and Exit from Fort Bliss**

Vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including all military vehicles, will enter and exit Fort Bliss only through open, authorized gates or routes. Climbing over, crawling under, and driving or walking through or around perimeter fences or closed gates is prohibited. The use of unauthorized roads, trails, or routes is also prohibited.

#### **9-2. Off-limits Areas**

a. Entry by privately owned or military vehicles into off-limits or restricted areas is prohibited without prior coordination or approval.

b. Off-limits or restricted areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Ranges.
- (2) Maneuver or training areas.
- (3) Impact areas.
- (4) Tank trails.
- (5) Desert roads and trails.
- (6) Archaeologically or environmentally restricted areas.
- (7) Storage buildings.
- (8) Vacant and unused structures.
- (9) Any areas posted as "off-limits," "restricted," or words to that effect.

## **Chapter 10**

### **Alcohol Policy**

#### **10-1. Government Aircraft and Vehicles**

The possession, sale, consumption, or use of any alcoholic beverage on board any Government-owned or leased aircraft or vehicle is prohibited.

#### **10-2. Use of Alcohol During Duty Hours**

a. The consumption of alcohol by servicemembers while on duty, either on or off post, is prohibited without an approved exception to policy.

b. The consumption of alcohol by civilian employees during their duty day is prohibited.

c. The possession or consumption of alcohol while participating in field training exercises is prohibited.

d. The possession or consumption of alcohol in or on any Fort Bliss training maneuver area or range is prohibited. Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Facilities within a range complex are not considered a training maneuver area or range for purposes of this paragraph.

e. *Exception to Policy.* Unit commanders will forward requests to serve alcohol at unit parties or functions held during normal duty hours, or other exceptions to this paragraph, through the chain of command to the first general officer in the chain of command for approval.

#### **10-3. Sale, Possession, or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages**

Servicemembers under 21 years of age are prohibited from buying, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages. Servicemembers are prohibited from permitting anyone under 21 years of age to buy, possess, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages.

#### **10-4. Consumption of Alcohol in Uniform**

Consumption of any alcoholic beverages at an off-post facility while wearing a military uniform is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to Dining-Ins, Dining-Outs, Military Balls, or other similar events (such as weddings, formal dinners, and official religious ceremonies) conducted at off-post facilities.

### **Chapter 11**

#### **Wear of Military Uniforms Off-Post**

##### **11-1. Allowable Wear**

Servicemembers may wear military uniforms off-post while off-duty only in the following circumstances:

- a. To and from off-post quarters and their place of duty.
- b. When making intermediate stops enroute to and from their place of duty. These stops must be for the health and welfare of the servicemember or his or her family and of a limited duration. Examples are stops at gas stations, auto repair centers, banks, laundries, convenience stores, drug stores, or grocery stores. Stops to purchase alcohol do not constitute health and welfare.
- c. To and from off-post appointments during the duty day for essential health and welfare matters.
- d. To and from meals at off-post restaurants that are not mainly bars or other primarily alcohol-related establishments. For example, servicemembers, while in uniform, may eat at fast-food restaurants and at restaurants that serve alcohol secondary to their food business, but may not consume alcoholic beverages.
- e. When dropping off or picking up individuals from the El Paso Airport.
- f. When attending Dining-Ins, Dining-Outs, Military Balls, or other similar events (such as weddings, formal dinners, and official religious ceremonies).

##### **11-2. Prohibited Wear**

a. Servicemembers will not wear military uniforms off-post while off-duty under any circumstances not mentioned in paragraph 11-1, to include:

- (1) At department stores or shopping malls except for necessary, brief shopping.
  - (2) In off-post bars or recreation and amusement establishments (this restriction also applies during meal times).
  - (3) At demonstrations, political rallies, political campaign activities, initiatives, referendums, or other unauthorized non-duty related activities.
- b. Servicemembers conducting physical training off-post, individually or as a unit, must wear civilian attire.

### **Chapter 12**

#### **Dress and Appearance**

##### **12-1. General**

Servicemembers will conform their dress and appearance to the standards prescribed by AR 670-1 or other applicable service regulations.

##### **12-2. Civilian Clothing**

While on the installation, servicemembers and civilians are prohibited from wearing the following articles of clothing at any public use area or work area:

- a. Shorts, skirts, or cut-off pants that expose any part of the buttocks.
- b. See-through garments, exposed midriffs, or clothing that exposes undergarments.
- c. Pajamas.
- d. Garments that contain, depict, or display any obscene, pornographic, lewd, or lascivious words, characters, pictures, or symbols.
- e. Garments that contain, depict, or display any drugs or drug paraphernalia.
- f. Garments that contain, depict, or display any racist, sexist, gang-related, or homophobic words, characters, pictures, or symbols.

### **12-3. Swimming Attire**

Swimming attire may be worn at designated swimming locations and spray parks. Swimming attire may not otherwise be worn in any public use area or work area.

## **Chapter 13**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **13-1. Removal and Pawning of Government Property**

The removal of any Government property from Fort Bliss without proper authority is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the removal of clothing and items of individual issued equipment for which servicemembers or civilian employees are personally responsible. The pawning of any Government property, including individual issued equipment, is prohibited.

#### **13-2. Misuse of Government Credit Cards**

Use of any government credit card, to include purchase cards, fuel cards, or travel cards, for unofficial or fraudulent purposes is prohibited.

#### **13-3. Use and Possession of Meal Cards**

Only individuals to whom the DD Form 714 (Meal Card) is issued may possess or use such forms. The transfer of a DD Form 714 to an unauthorized person is prohibited.

#### **13-4. Off-limits Establishments and Firms**

Servicemembers are prohibited from entering or patronizing an establishment or firm that has been declared off-limits in accordance with AR 190-24, except in the performance of official duties.

#### **13-5. Littering and Removal of Trash**

Hauling, disposing of, or permitting the disposal of litter or solid waste at any location that is not an authorized waste receptacle/area on Fort Bliss is prohibited. In addition, taking away or removing any trash, garbage, or other wastes from any building, residence, or property on Fort Bliss without the express consent of the owner or supervisor of the property is prohibited.

#### **13-6. Military Identification Cards**

a. Servicemembers, while not in quarters or at their place of duty, are required to carry a DD Form 2A (Active Duty Military ID Card) or Common Access Card. The only exception is when they are engaged in athletic activities, including unit organized physical fitness training.

b. The possession of more than one military identification card with the same name or identity is prohibited.

c. Servicemembers are required to retrieve all ID cards from family members upon termination of eligibility. The servicemember will turn them in to the ID card section of the Adjutant General's Office or report any family member's refusal to surrender such cards to the chain of command.

#### **13-7. Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices while Driving**

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices while driving on Fort Bliss is prohibited without a hands-free device. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel in the performance of law enforcement duties.

#### **13-8. Lasers**

Pointing a hand-held laser at any person, aircraft, or vehicle of any type is prohibited.

#### **13-9. Storage of OCIE**

The storage of organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE) in privately owned vehicles (POVs) is prohibited. OCIE will be stored in a secured unit area or in a residence. OCIE may be transported to and from a residence in a POV.

#### **13-10. Fire Alarms**

Tampering with, interfering with, or disabling a fire/smoke alarm or detection device is prohibited.

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## **Glossary**

### **Section I Abbreviations**

**AR**

Army Regulation

**BAC**

Blood Alcohol Content

**ID**

Identification

**OCIE**

Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment

**POV**

Privately Owned Vehicle

**UCMJ**

Uniform Code of Military Justice

**WBAMC**

William Beaumont Army Medical Center

**WHTI**

Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

### **Section II Terms**

**Adult**

A person who is 18 years of age or older.

**Armor Piercing Ammunition**

Ammunition that is designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor.

**Civilian**

A person who is not a servicemember.

**Controlled Substances**

Those substances described in Article 112a, UCMJ, including marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amphetamines, methamphetamines, LSD, ecstasy, GHB, MDMA, Ketamine, hallucinogenic mushrooms, and the applicable federal schedules found in the U.S. Code.

**Controlled Substance Analogues**

(1) Synthetic cannabis and other THC substitutes including all synthetic cannabinoid or cannabinoid-mimicking compounds commonly known as "Spice" (including, but not limited to, HU-210, cannabicyclohexanol, JWH-073, JWH-018, AM-2201) and any substance or product containing them (including, but is not limited to, Spice, Spice Gold, Spice Silver, Spice Diamond, Genie, Bliss, Black Mamba, Bombay Blue, Blaze, Skunk, Moon Rocks, Zohai, Yucatan Fire, PEP Spice, K2, K2 Blonde, K2 Summit, K2 Citron, Red X Dawn, Paradise, Demon, Black Magic, Spike, Mr. Nice Guy, Ninja, Dream, Sence, Serenity, and Crazy Clown).

(2) 3,4-methylenedixypyrovalerone (MDPV), mephedron, or methylone, or any substance or product containing them or a similar controlled substance analogue, including but not limited to Bath Salts, Ivory Wave, MDPK, MTV, Magic, Maddie, Black Rob, Super Coke, PV, Bloom, Blue Silk, Cloud Nine,

Hurricane Charlie, Lunar Wave, Scarface, Vanilla Sky, White Lightening, and Zoom.

(3) Salvia Divinorum, Salvinoria A, and any substance containing it, including but not limited to, Sage of the Seers, Maria Pastora, Diviner's Sage, Sally-D, and Magic Mint.

(4) Mitragyna Speciosa Korth and any substance containing it, including but not limited to Kratom, Thang, Kakuam, Ketum, and Biak.

(5) Blue Lotus and any substance containing it, including but not limited to, Blue Water Lily, Egyptian Lotus, and Sacred Narcotic Lily of the Nile.

(6) Convolvulaceae Argyreia Nervosa and any substance containing it, including but limited to, Hawaiian Baby Woodrose.

(7) Lysergic Acid Amide and any substance containing it, including but not limited to, Jimson Weed, Devil's Apple, Thorn Apple, Stinkweed, Moonflower, Malpitte, and Toloache.

(8) Absinthe and any substance containing it.

(9) 5-Methoxy Dimethyltryptamine and any substance containing it, including but not limited to 5-NEO-DMT, Powder Mushrooms, AMT, Bromo, DMT (Dimethyltryptamine), and Alpha-0.

(10) Any substance containing the following: London Underground Head Candy, Blowout Herbal Party Snuff, Red Ball, Cahoots Blowout, Chillin, Chillin XXX, 99-0, OCB Slime, Canavalia Maritime, Nymphaea Caerulea, Nymphaea Alba, Scutellaria Nana, Pedicularis Densiflora, Leonotis Leonurus, Zamia, Latifolia, Nelumbo Nucifera, Leonurus Sibiricus.

### **Discrimination**

Any action that unlawfully or unjustly results in unequal treatment of person or groups based on race, color, gender, national origin, or religion.

### **Disparaging Terms**

Terms used to degrade or connote negative statements pertaining to race, color, gender, national origin, or religion. Such terms may be expressed as verbal statements, printed material, visual material, signs, symbols, posters, or insignia. The use of these terms constitutes unlawful discrimination.

### **Driving**

Operation of a vehicle by driving or guiding it while in motion, either in person or through the agency of another. Driving is also the setting of a vehicle's motive power in action or the manipulation of a vehicle's controls so as to cause it to move.

### **Drug Paraphernalia**

Equipment, products, and materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or especially designed, made, or modified for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, or concealing a controlled substance, or for injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing or masking the introduction of a controlled substance or controlled substance analogue into the human body.

### **Electronic Communication**

The transfer of information (signs, writing, images, sounds, or data) transmitted by computer, phone, or other electronic device. Electronic communications include, but are not limited to, text messages, emails, chats, instant messaging, screensavers, blogs, social media sites, electronic device applications, and web/video conferencing.

### **Equal Opportunity**

The right of all person to participate in, and benefit from, programs and activities (for example, career, employment, educational, social) for which they are qualified. These programs and activities will be free from social, personal, or institutional barriers that prevent people from rising to the highest level of responsibility possible. Persons will be evaluated on an individual merit, fitness, and capability, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, or religion

**Explosive**

Any type of explosive, incendiary device, pyrotechnic, and firework including, but not limited to, simulators, grenades, firecrackers, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, and star clusters, except as required in the performance of regularly assigned duties or military training. This definition includes any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine, that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, or for the principal purpose of causing such a loud report as to cause undue public alarm or terror, and includes a device designed, made, or adapted for delivery of, or shooting, an explosive weapon.

**Firearm**

Any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use. Firearms do not include weapons fired by compressed air.

**Fort Bliss**

Refers to the entirety of the Fort Bliss Military Reservation, to include Main Post (West Fort Bliss), East Fort Bliss, William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC), McGregor Range, Oro Grande Base Camp, and all Fort Bliss maneuver and training areas.

**Fully Automatic Weapon**

Any firearm that is capable of firing more than one round with a single function of the trigger.

**Gender Discrimination**

The action taken by an individual to deprive a person of a right because of their gender. Such discrimination can occur overtly, covertly, intentionally, or unintentionally.

**Grievous Bodily Harm**

Fractured or dislocated bones, deep cuts, torn members of the body, serious damage to internal organs, and other serious bodily injury.

**Guest**

A person who is present on Fort Bliss at the invitation of a servicemember, civilian employee, or dependent, and whom would otherwise not have legal access to Fort Bliss.

**Illegal Knife**

A knife with a blade over five and one-half inches; a hand instrument designed to cut or stab another by being thrown; a dagger, including but not limited to a dirk, stiletto, and poniard; a sword; any switchblade knife ("Switchblade" is further defined as any knife that has a blade that folds, closes, or retracts into the handle or sheath and that opens automatically by pressure applied to a button or other device located on the handle or opens or releases a blade from the handle or sheath by the force of gravity or by the application of centrifugal force. "Switchblade" does not include a knife that has a spring, detent, or other mechanism designed to create a bias toward closure and that requires exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to overcome the bias toward closure and open the knife). This term does not apply to souvenir swords, bayonets, or knives mounted for display, or kitchen knives located within a kitchen or food preparation area. This term also does not apply to devices approved IAW paragraph 3-1c of this regulation.

**Indecent Language**

Language that is grossly offensive to the community sense of modesty, decency, or propriety, or shocks the moral sense of the community because of its vulgar, filthy, or disgusting nature or because of its tendency to incite lustful thought. Language is, therefore, indecent if it tends reasonably to corrupt morals or incite lustful thought, either expressly or by implication from the circumstances under which it was spoken. Seemingly chaste or innocuous language can constitute this offense if the context in which it is used sends an indecent message, as reasonably interpreted by commonly accepted community standards.

**Knuckles**

Any instrument that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting grievous bodily harm or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

**Littering**

Includes the throwing or dropping of trash, refuse, cigars, cigarettes, paper articles or any inorganic material.

**Military Uniform**

Any uniform recognized by AR 670-1 or corresponding service regulation.

**National Origin**

An individual's place of origin or that of an individual's ancestors. The term also applies to a person who has the physical, cultural, or linguistic characteristics of a national group.

**Nonverbal**

Examples of nonverbal sexual harassment may include staring at someone, blowing kisses, winking, or licking one's lips in a suggestive manner. Nonverbal sexual harassment also includes printed material, such as displaying sexually oriented pictures or cartoons; using sexually oriented screen savers on one's computer; or sending sexually oriented notes, letters, faxes, or email.

**On duty**

The period of time during which the Servicemember is performing, or is directed to perform, his or her duties until released by appropriate authority without regard to time of day and not on any type of leave or pass status.

**Online Conduct**

The use of electronic communication in an official or personal capacity that is consistent with Army values and standards of conduct.

**Online Misconduct**

The use of electronic communication to inflict harm. Examples include, but are not limited to, harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, or any other types of misconduct that undermine dignity and respect.

**Physical Contact**

Examples of physical sexual harassment may include touching, patting, pinching, bumping, grabbing, cornering, or blocking a passageway; kissing; and providing unsolicited neck rubs. Cases involving physical sexual harassment should be referred to the Fort Bliss CID office for investigation as the physical contact may constitute abusive sexual contact as defined in Article 120, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

**Privately-Owned Weapons and Firearms**

All weapons and firearms not owned by the U.S. Government. Privately owned weapons do not include items received as a military award or item of recognition and mounted for display.

**Public Use Area**

Any area on Fort Bliss in which members of the general public may be present. Includes, but is not limited to, the commissary, fitness facilities, Freedom's Crossing, shoppettes, fast food establishments, schools, child care centers, parks, running/walking trails, parade fields, sidewalks, and similar areas.

**Race**

A division of human beings identified by the possession of traits transmissible by descent and that is sufficient to characterize persons possessing these traits as a distinctive human genotype.

**Religion**

A personal set or institutionalized system of attitudes, moral or ethical beliefs and practices held with the strength of traditional views, characterized by ardor and faith, and generally evidenced through specific observations.

**Servicemember**

A person on active duty with the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, or U.S. Coast Guard. Includes reservists on orders performing active duty training and national guardsmen performing federal service. Also includes foreign military personnel assigned or attached to a unit at Fort Bliss, or otherwise present on Fort Bliss.

**Sexual Harassment**

A form of gender discrimination that involves unwelcomed sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature between the same or opposite genders when –  
(1) Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's job, pay, or career.

(2) Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by a person is used as a basis for career or employment decisions affecting that person.

(3) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

**Silencer**

Any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

**Suppressor**

Any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

**Verbal**

Examples of verbal sexual harassment may include telling sexual jokes, using sexually explicit profanity, threats, sexually oriented cadences, or sexual comments; whistling in a sexually suggestive manner; and describing certain attributes of one's physical appearance in a sexual manner. Verbal sexual harassment may also include using terms of endearment such as "honey," "babe," "sweetheart," "dear," "stud," or "hunk" in referring to Servicemembers, civilians, or Family members.