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MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, United States Army Garrison, (IMFD-ZA/COL Scott Halter)

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SUBJECT: Fort Detrick Policy 95-2-1, Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Radio Controlled Model Aircraft on Fort Detrick/Forest Glen Annex

1. References:

- a. The Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, Public Law 112-95, H.R. 658, Section 336.
- b. FAA Order JO 7200.23, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, subject: Unmanned Aircraft Operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).
- c. Advisory Circular (AC) 91-57A, change 1, Federal Aviation Administration, subject: Model Aircraft Operating Standards.
- d. Protection of Certain Facilities from Unmanned Aircraft (U), Title 10, United States Code, Section 130i, 12 Dec 17.
- e. HQDA EXORD 041-18 (Army Interim Guidance to Counter Unmanned Aircraft (S/EL)).
- f. Army Regulation 95-2 (Airspace, Airfields/Heliports, Flight Activities, Air Traffic Control, and Navigational Aids).
- g. Memorandum, SECARMY, 1 Aug 17, subject: Army Policy for Unmanned Aircraft Systems on Army Installations.
- h. IMCOM Information Paper: Counter-Unmanned Ariel Systems (C-UAS) Policies and Procedures for Garrison Commanders Within the United States, 28 September 2018.
- i. Transportation Definitions, Title 49, United States Code § 4102 (a) (6), 2006 Edition.

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2. Purpose. To issue guidance defining the use of commercial and recreational unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as model aircraft and/or drones over Fort Detrick (FD) and Forest Glen Annex (FGA) and its assigned airspace.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all personnel on FD and FGA.

4. Policy. This policy prohibits the operation of commercial and recreational Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) or Remote Controlled Aircraft (RCA) on FD and FGA. This restriction does not apply to the operation of UAV or RCA flown for "Official" Military purposes.

a. Background. Public Law 112-95 defines unmanned aircraft as an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft. Section 336 of P.L. 112-95 defines a model aircraft as an unmanned aircraft that is capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere, flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft, and flown only for hobby or recreational purposes. The UAS may pose a hazard to manned aircraft in flight and to persons and property on the surface if not operated safely.

b. Definitions. Fort Detrick guidelines for UAS/UAV/drone operations are based on Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Army Guidance, Army Regulations, and FAA rule making and safe operating practices. Title 49 U.S.C. 40102(a) (6) defines an "aircraft" as any contrivance invented, used, or designed to navigate or fly in the air. Operators are considered pilots.

c. Remote Controlled aircraft were primarily used by model aircraft enthusiasts for recreation purposes. However, they are increasingly being used for professional applications such as surveillance and data-gathering. Remote controlled aircraft are likely to be operated in a way that may pose a greater risk to the general public and operators may not be aware of the potential dangers of the general public.

d. Consistent with the possibility of the aircraft being used as surveillance or data gathering and public safety, the following guidelines are established for all of FD.

(1) No DRONE signs advising personnel of this change in policy will be posted at all manned and unmanned access control points, once signed.

(2) For Public Safety and Operations Security, the use of any UAS or RCA equipped with or without cameras or data collection devices is prohibited on FD.

(3) Any incident involving UAS or RCA within the limits of FD, the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick, Directorate of Operations, Protection Division will be notified immediately to take the appropriate action in detaining the operator and confiscating the UAS or RCA.

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(4) Aircraft operators will take full responsibility, and provide full restitution for any damages from incidents and/or accidents that occur due to their flying activities.

5. The FAA provides three links to help inform service members, employees, and family members of the restrictions placed on unmanned aircraft systems for personal use. These are available at:

- a. FAA UAS link: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/>
- b. Information on UAS registration: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>
- c. No Drone Campaign: http://www.faa.gov/uas/no_drone_zone/

6. Enforcement. Unauthorized use of UAS from within FD may result in the loss of installation access privilege; potential forfeiture of any unauthorized recordings, photographs, or videos; adverse personnel action; and possible criminal prosecution under Federal and State law, as appropriate. Incidents involving UAS flights controlled from outside FD will be referred to local law enforcement.

7. Reporting. Report suspicious UAS activity in accordance with DoDI 2000.26 and record the activity on the FBI eGuardian system.

8. This policy will be disseminated to all employees, posted to all applicable bulletin boards, included in the orientation of all newly assigned personnel, and included in all future Detrick Homes privatized housing rental agreement information packets.

9. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Operations. The points of contact for this action are: Mr. Thomas Yocklin, 301-619-2503, or thomas.l.yocklin.civ@mail.mil, or Mr. Richard H. King, 301-619-3446, or richard.h.king4.civ@mail.mil.


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