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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Policy Memorandum 21-15, Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

1. Reference: Army Regulation 215-1, Military, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.
2. Supersession: This policy supersedes and replaces Installation Policy Memorandum 19-15, Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, 15 May 2020.
3. Purpose: Establish policies and procedures for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at Fort Drum. Alcoholic beverages are considered to be any potable beverage containing any amount of ethyl alcohol including wines, malt beverages, and distilled spirits.
4. Applicability: This applies to all military members, including Reserve and National Guard personnel, Family members, Civilian employees, contractor employees, visitors, private organizations, and guests on the installation.
5. Policy:
  - a. This regulation is punitive. Military personnel who violate the provisions of this regulation are subject to prosecution pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. All violators are subject to administrative actions including, but not limited to, ejection from the military reservation and bar from re-entry. Persons who violate federal or state laws may be prosecuted by Civilian authorities.
  - b. The minimum drinking age at Fort Drum is aligned with New York State and is 21.
  - c. No person will make alcoholic beverages available in any form to persons under 21 years of age, unless in accordance with New York State law.
  - d. A person under age 21 may consume (not purchase or possess) an alcoholic beverage as part of: a bona fide religious ceremony; in connection with a culinary class performed by an accredited institution; or when given by a parent or legal guardian of the person under age 21. Alcoholic beverages are not authorized at unit parties, whether the units are assigned to Fort Drum or on Fort Drum for training, without the prior approval of their battalion commander.

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1) Alcoholic beverage are authorized at unit functions when hosted by MWR at the club or bowling center to include off-premise events when alcoholic beverages are offered on a pay-per-drink basis.

e. At unit parties where alcoholic beverages are available, commanders will ensure:

1) Persons 21 years of age or older will have their age verified by identification check.

2) Persons 21 years of age or older will be wrist banded as a visual verification to lawfully consume alcoholic beverages.

3) Persons under 21 years of age do not consume alcoholic beverages.

4) All participating Soldiers are in a non-duty status.

5) Non-alcoholic beverages are also available at the party.

6) Proper controls are in place to prevent drunk driving.

f. Military personnel will not consume alcoholic beverages while on duty or while in uniform during a normal duty day (0700-1600).

g. Alcoholic beverages are not authorized at directorate parties, without the prior approval of their director. Directors must apply the same rules as outlined in paragraph 5.c.d.(1).e (1) through (6) above.

h. Alcoholic beverages will not be sold, used, consumed, or permitted in or around these premises.

1) Auto Craft Center

2) Youth Activities Center

3) Child Care Centers

4) Multi-Purpose Auditorium

5) Gymnasiums and Fitness Centers, except during special unit or Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) sponsored social functions

6) Post Library

7) Education Center

- 8) Administrative Offices, Storage and Maintenance Buildings
- 9) Dental and Medical Clinics
- 10) Public places such as roads, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.
- 11) Training Areas

i. Exceptions to this regulation may only be granted by the Garrison Commander. Requests for exception will be submitted through the FMWR Director for the Garrison Commander.

j. Alcoholic beverages will not be consumed while in any vehicle or aircraft owned or leased by the government. In accordance with New York State law, open containers of alcohol will not be transported in any vehicle on this installation. Alcoholic beverages will not be transported in military vehicles. Exceptions may be granted when such transportation is involved with an already approved unit party.

1) Exception, FMWR is authorized to transport alcoholic beverages in government vehicles in support of Category B and C facility operations to include garrison and off-premise social event support.

k. Malt beverages (beer and ale only) may be carried and consumed by military and Civilian personnel, 21 years and over, at the following recreation areas:

- 1) Remington Park (not to include swim beach area).
- 2) Outdoor sports facilities.
- 3) Parks and Recreation adventure areas.
- 4) Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers picnic areas.
- 5) Lodging recreation areas.
- 6) Special social events (Mountain Fest and major community sponsored) and physical fitness centers, dining facilities, LeRay Mansion when approved by the Garrison Commander.
- 7) Special areas authorized by the Garrison Commander on a one-time basis.

l. Authorized personnel will only purchase alcoholic beverages for personal use (includes immediate Family) and will not sell or give alcoholic beverages as gifts to

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people who are not eligible to purchase such beverages. This does not prevent the serving of guests, 21 years or older, under a host/guest relationship.

m. Enlisted personnel living in the unit barracks. Keg beer is not authorized in the barracks. Soldiers who are 21 years of age or older may possess or drink alcohol in the barracks.

n. Commanders may impose controls on the amount of alcohol a Soldier consumes and will refer the Soldier to counseling if a problem is perceived.

o. Parties or functions at FMWR facilities that serve alcoholic beverages will offer non-alcoholic beverages as an alternative.

p. Army Regulations 215-1,10-9,a-c. "Privately owned alcoholic beverages will not be brought into any facility where alcoholic beverages are sold by the drink." This regulation applies to Category B and C facilities to include but not limited to social events e.g. Army Balls, Right Arm Nights, and Retirement Ceremonies. Confiscation of unauthorized alcohol will be executed and punitive damages will be levied on event host to include immediate closure of bar service.

q. Grog Ceremonies. In accordance with Army Regulation 215-1, alcohol must be purchased and consumed in the Commons Community Club at a ratio of 1 ounce alcohol to 6 ounces of non-alcoholic mixers. Alcoholic beverage consumed must be only one drink at a time per customer. No one person is given more than one serving at a time.

6. Authorized Retail Activities: No alcohol will be sold from any establishment between the hours of 2400-0800. The following activities are authorized to serve and sell alcoholic beverages in accordance with AR 215-1. Alcoholic beverages will not be sold by the glass by the activities listed below before 1600 hours on any normal duty day to on-duty Soldiers, unless an exception is granted by the Garrison Commander:

- a. Commons Club.
- b. Bowling Center.
- c. Package Beverage Store (Class VI).
- d. AAFES Operated food service facilities.
- e. AAFES Main Exchange.
- f. AAFES Branch Exchanges.
- g. AAFES Shoppettes.

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7. Responsibilities of Retail Activities: It is the responsibility of each selling activity to control the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages:

a. Written policies and procedures will be issued to enforce the minimum drinking age. Policies will include, at a minimum, the checking of valid picture identification cards to ensure the individual meets minimum drinking age.

b. All individuals selling or serving alcoholic beverages will refuse service to patrons who appear intoxicated.

c. The minimum drinking age and state laws governing the transportation of alcoholic beverages will be conspicuously posted in each facility listed in paragraph 5.

d. No bulk sale of alcoholic beverages (stacking) (shots or double shots, six pack of beer/bottles or liquor) is permitted in a bar/lounge facility. Wine by the bottle may be served only in the dining rooms of facilities listed in paragraph a-d.

8. The point of contact for this policy is Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at (315) 772-5685.



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