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1. **PURPOSE:** This General Order establishes baseline personal conduct. It is intended to promote strong relationships with our host communities and to sustain readiness, good order, and discipline.
2. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This general order is effective immediately.
3. **Applicability.** This General Order applies to military personnel under the General Court Martial Convening Authority (GCMCA) of the Commanding General (CG), U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) (ARNORTH) who are deployed away from their home station either as part of a contingency operation or as part of the Department of Defense's Southern Border mission in response to the Presidentially-declared national emergency at the Southern Border while in the Joint Operational Area (JOA) (defined as the southern United States border extending from San Diego, California to Brownsville, Texas along the entire US Southern Border with Mexico (approximately 2,000 miles) and extending 100 miles into the US interior). All Soldiers deployed to the JOA pursuant to the National Emergency Declaration, Proclamation 10886, are considered to be engaged in official duties on behalf of the Department of Defense as discussed in NDAA FY2011.
4. Our behavior during this operation must be professional in every way and at all times in order to enhance the public's trust and confidence and to gain the full cooperation of local, State, and other Federal agencies. Equally important are safety measures that will foster force protection and will contribute to each individual's ability to perform his/her duties in an effective manner. The restrictions on the on-duty and off-duty activities described below are necessary to achieve these stated purposes.
5. **Responsibilities.** Individuals will:
 - a. Treat all individuals with dignity and respect.
 - b. Follow and adhere to the Standing Rules for the Use of Force (SRUF) and any supplements that are published.
 - c. Use Government and rental vehicles for official purposes only. This means travel between place of duty and lodging, while on duty to perform official business, and reasonable distances to places for health and welfare purposes, such as eating

establishments, places of worship, cleaners, barbershop, grocery store, or other places with the permission of a commander/supervisor in the grade of O-4 or above.

d. When not on approved leave or pass, travel in at least two-person teams when off-duty and outside of a command designated cantonment area. Inform your immediate supervisor of your destination as well as checking out upon departure and checking in upon arrival. Commanders of the grade of O-5 and above are empowered to issue written determinations as to what constitutes their command's cantonment area.

e. Comply with any commander or government ordered off-limits restrictions of public facilities or establishments.

f. Comply with any commander or government ordered curfew, unless on duty or otherwise approved by a supervisor/commander in the grade of O-4 or above.

g. When possible, contact your Public Affairs Officer (PAO) before giving an interview to a media representative and always practice operational security (OPSEC).

h. Turn off geo-tagging and location-based social networking on phones and digital cameras.

i. Maximize security settings on social platforms and include two-step verification, if available.

6. Prohibited Activities. Individuals will not:

a. Introduce, purchase, possess, sell, transfer, or use privately owned firearms, ammunition, knives (with the exception of knives with a blade not to exceed 5 ½ inches in length), explosives, or any other similar devices within the JOA. This rule is implemented to: promote unit, individual, and general safety; facilitate physical security; enforce good order and discipline; maintain operational readiness, and ensure commanders can execute any mission (ensuring that any Soldier can be sent to any location with little notice).

b. Introduce, purchase, possess, sell, transfer or consume any alcoholic beverages while on duty or in uniform. No member will consume alcohol within 8 hours of reporting for duty. Aircrew members will not consume alcohol within 12 hours of reporting for flight duty. The first O-6 commander in the chain of command may approve an exception to this provision for a special social event.

c. Drive a vehicle of any type within 8 hours of consuming any amount of alcohol.

d. Transport non-DOD civilians in government or rental vehicles without approval of a supervisor in the grade of E-8 or above, unless under the circumstances, the on-scene DOD person believes transportation is necessary to prevent the loss of life, limb, or sight, or to alleviate or prevent undue human suffering.

e. Use a government credit card or IMPAC card for unofficial business or for personal benefit.

f. Commit DOD assets, resources, funds, or property without authority.

g. Take any private or public property, regardless of value, a souvenir or trophy.

h. Destroy, deface, or damage public or private property unless required to save lives, alleviate human suffering or prevent large scale damage to other property.

i. Accept any money, gift, goods, or services for rescuing a person out of harm's way or for performing other duty in support of DOD operations.

j. Touch human remains or capture/transmit images of human remains without prior approval of the first O-6 commander or supervisor in the chain of command. At all times, members will treat human remains with dignity, honor, and respect.

k. Adopt as pets or mascots any type of domestic or wild animal, unless authorized as a valid mission requirement.

l. Swim in a natural body of water without the approval of the first O-4 commander or supervisor in the chain of command.

m. Capture or transmit images or videos of illegal aliens, Customs and Border Protection facilities and equipment, flightline operations or equipment, or damaged personal or public property without prior approval of the first O-6 commander or supervisor in the chain of command.

n. Post photos or videos on social media that contain sensitive or personal information, to include but not limited to troop locations, equipment, tactical unit details, and number of personnel that are operationally sensitive.

o. Post photos or videos on social media of damaged equipment and gear.

p. Release information about the death of a service member before the next of kin is notified and the information is released by the DoD.

q. Solicit, patronize, or engage in any form of prostitution.

r. Cross an international border without permission from his/her first commander in the grade of O-6 or above.

7. Punitive Order. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of this order are punitive. The undersigned commander may approve requests for exception to these provisions.

8. Individual Duty. All individuals subject to this order are charged with the individual duty to respect and follow the laws, regulations, and customs of host communities and states insofar as they do not interfere with the execution of their official duties. Personnel should obtain legal advice when situations present a conflict between local laws and military orders. Furthermore, all persons subject to this order will report all criminal acts and violations committed by or perpetrated upon personnel subject to this order to appropriate authorities or their chain of command.

9. Unit Commander and Supervisor Responsibilities. Commanders and Supervisors are charged with ensuring all DOD personnel are briefed on the responsibilities and prohibitions contained in this order. Commanders and supervisors are expected to exercise sound discretion and good judgment in enforcing this order. Commanders may further restrict their personnel, as they deem necessary, consistent with the law and regulations. Questions concerning this order should be directed to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA), ARNORTH.

10. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Chief of Military Justice, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), at 210-221-5883.



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