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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison, Fort Irwin Policy #7 Exchange and Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) authorized patrons

1. PURPOSE: To identify authorized patrons of the Exchange and DECA facilities on Fort Irwin.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all personnel using exchange and commissary facilities at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin.

3. REFERENCE:

a. DOD Instruction 1330.21, Exchange Regulations, 14 July 2005

b. DOD Instruction 1330.17, Department of Defense (DOD) Commissary Program, 18 June 2014

c. DTM 21-003, Access to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Category C Online Activities, DOD Commissaries, and Military Service Exchanges, 12 April 2021

4. POLICY: Authorized patronage of Exchange and DECA facilities is based on both the category of an individual in relation to the DOD and the type of facility and/or service provided. For example, a U.S. Government Civilian Employee living on the installation is authorized different patronage than U.S. Government Civilian Employees living off the installation.

5. The following are the most common categories of personnel on Fort Irwin:

a. Uniformed personnel and their dependents, retired personnel and their dependents, honorably discharged veterans that are 100% disabled, and Medal of Honor recipients.

b. U.S. Government Civilian Employees who reside on Fort Irwin.

c. U.S. Government Civilian Employees residing off post, U.S. Citizen Employees of firms under contract to the Department of Defense, and contract technical services personnel assigned to Fort Irwin.

d. U.S. Government Civilian Employees, U.S. Citizen Employees of firms under contract to the Department of Defense, and contract technical services personnel on temporary duty orders or travel status to Fort Irwin.

e. Military members of foreign nations visiting on unofficial business to Fort Irwin.

f. Military members 'of foreign nations on active duty with and under orders issued by the U.S. Armed Services

g. Civilian visitors.

6. The following are the types of authorized Exchange and DECA privileges:

a. Unlimited privileges. Unlimited privileges have no restriction on the types of items purchased.

b. Limited privileges. Limited privileges exclude the purchase of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, and military uniform items.

c. Exchange Food Activities. Access to Exchange food operations such as the Post Exchange, Food Court, Burger King, Starbucks, etc.

7. Enclosure 1 (Authorized Patronage Matrix) depicts authorized patronage based on the category of an individual. For additional categories of authorized patrons such as Red Cross, Exchange, and DECA Employees etc. refer to DOD Instructions 1330.21 and 1330.17.

8. Personal agents and representatives are specific named persons that shop on behalf of an authorized patron or an official organization entitled to unlimited privileges at an exchange facility or commissary. These persons are designated in writing by the Garrison Commander and are granted permission in writing only in extreme hardship cases experienced by the authorized patron such as serious injury or illness.

9. It is the responsibility of the Fort Irwin Exchange General Manager and the Fort Irwin Commissary Manager to ensure adequate controls are in place to ensure only authorized patrons are provided services on Fort Irwin.

10. The proponent for this policy letter is Garrison Headquarters (760) 380-6268.

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Authorized Patronage Matrix

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Category	AAFES Unlimited or Limited	AAFES Food Activities	DECA
All uniformed personnel and their Family members, retired personnel and their Family members, honorably discharged veterans that are 100% disabled, and Medal of Honor Recipients.	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
U.S. Government Civilian Employees, or key & mission essential contractors who reside on Fort Irwin.	Limited*	Limited*	Limited*
U.S. Government Civilian Employees residing off post, U.S. Civilian Employees of firms under contract to the Department of Defense, and contract technical services personnel assigned to Fort Irwin.	None	Unlimited***	None
U.S. Government Civilian Employees, U.S. Citizen Employees under contract to the Department of Defense, and contract technical services personnel on temporary duty orders or travel status to Fort Irwin.	Limited**	Unlimited***	None
Military members of foreign nations visiting on. Unofficial business to Fort Irwin.	Unlimited****	Unlimited***	Unlimited****
Military members of foreign nations on active duty with and under orders issued by the U.S. Armed Services.	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Civilian visitors	None	Unlimited***	None

*Requires authorization/approval letter from the Garrison Commander. **Must present orders and valid ID that identifies status.
***Does not include access to PX main store, Class VI or Shoppettes. Quantities limited to on-base personal consumption.
****Restricted to quantities for personal use.