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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Modification of National Training Center and Fort Irwin Commanding General Stay at Home Orders in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

1. PURPOSE. To inform all personnel under the authority of the Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, of the Commanding General's Modification of the Stay at Home Order in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).
2. AUTHORITY. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47; Army Regulation 600-20
3. APPLICABILITY. This General Order is applicable to all military personnel and DA Civilians (DAC), assigned or attached, to include tenant units and all other military personnel on Fort Irwin under the command and control of Commander, National Training Center and Fort Irwin. **National Training Center and Fort Irwin Commanding General Stay at Home Order in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19), dated 4 June 2020, is hereby rescinded and superseded by this General Order.**
4. REFERENCES. Governor Gavin Newsome's Executive Order N-33-20, "Establishing a statewide 'stay home or at their place of residence' order in conjunction with the California Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce list for COVID-19 response efforts," dated 19 March 2020; San Bernardino County Public Health Officer Order for the Control of COVID-19, dated 7 April 2020; SECDEF Memo Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions, dated 22 May 2020; **SECARMY Memo Delegation of Authority to Approve Travel of Army Personnel and Conditions of Return to Unrestricted Travel, dated 9 June 2020**

Per SECDEF Memo Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions, dated 22 May 2020, and **SECARMY Memo Delegation of Authority to Approve Travel of Army Personnel and Conditions of Return to Unrestricted Travel, dated 9 June 2020**, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to present significant risk to our forces as the DoD considers domestic and overseas personnel travel. These movements present the threat of spreading COVID-19 within our ranks and communities, to include our own FICA community. **As both the SECDEF and SECARMY highlight** and which I am reinforcing now through the modification of this Order, my number one priority remains protecting our Service members, DoD civilians, and their families as well as the entire FICA community.

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5. PUNITIVE ORDER. The provisions contained in paragraph 6, 7, and their subparagraphs constitute a punitive order for Service Members. Violations may be punished with appropriate administrative, non-judicial, and/or judicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

6. DEFINITIONS

a. The term "home" as used in this order encompasses an individual's residence, to include an individual's barracks, family residence, or other living arrangement.

b. The term "stay at home" as used in this order means, immediately cease leaving a home or place of residence except: (1) to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or (2) for employment in essential business services.

c. The term "social distancing" as used in this order means maintaining a safe distance of 6 feet between other personnel whenever outside of your home.

d. The term "essential activities" is defined as follows: (1) obtaining necessary supplies and services; (2) engaging in activities essential for the health and safety of military personnel, Department of the Army Civilians (DACs), household members, and pets; (3) caring for a family member, friend, or pet in another household or residence, and (4) engaging in outdoor exercise. All personnel must exercise social distancing while conducting any essential activity listed in this paragraph.

e. The term "essential business services" means, employees who support the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal government and U.S. Military, such as support to COVID-19 operations, minimum manning functions to preserve mission essential combat readiness, and those activities required to maintain good order and discipline.

f. The term "visitor(s)" is defined as, any person who does not normally reside in the home of the Service Member.

7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES. In order to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of Service Members, civilian employees, their families, and the community, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

a. Travel. Service Members who reside on-post are still restricted to post, but may now only travel to and from Barstow in support of non-mission essential activities and/or business services. Service Members who reside in Barstow are still restricted to their residence, but may also now only travel within Barstow or to and from Fort Irwin in support of non-mission essential activities and/or business services. Service Members who reside in Victorville, Hesperia, and Apple Valley are still restricted to their residence, but may now also travel to and from Barstow only in support of non-mission essential activities and/or business services. However, Service Members who reside in Victorville, Hesperia, and Apple Valley may only travel to and from Fort Irwin or within a 5 mile radius of their residence in

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support of essential activities and/or business services unless a proper exception applies. All Service Members who travel to or within Barstow for non-mission essential activities and/or business services will wear a proper face covering prior to entering any establishment. Also, visiting and/or entering any bar and/or adult entertainment shop (ie – strip club) is strictly prohibited. To assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19, civilian family members residing with a Soldier are strongly encouraged to abide by these restrictions as well. Properly approved leaves and passes are exempt from this order.

b. Visitation. **Service members and their families may now have a single family or no more than 4 visitors** inside their home at the same time, and they will ensure appropriate social distancing will be maintained at all times. This limitation does not apply to interactions between individuals living within the same home. Service members living within the barracks will have no more than one visitor in the same barracks room at the same time. House and barracks parties are still strictly forbidden.

c. Physical Fitness. Service Members are authorized to perform individual or buddy team physical fitness training outdoors, or individual physical fitness training inside their home. Service Members will not congregate in groups to perform physical fitness, to including playing any sport.

d. Curfew. There is no longer a curfew on post. However, there remains a curfew with respect to the Access Control Point (ACP) which is between 2300 and 0400. The only authorized exceptions to the curfew are travel related to mission essential functions, or to obtain emergency medical care for themselves or a family member residing with them. To assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19, civilian family members residing with a Soldier are strongly encouraged to abide by this curfew.

e. Quarantine and Isolation. All Soldiers are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and commanders regarding an Order into Quarantine or Isolation. Civilians and Family members are also highly encouraged to adhere to these directives. Civilians and Family members living on the installation who do not comply with quarantine or isolation instructions may be barred from Fort Irwin. Civilians and Family members living off post who do not comply may be denied access to the installation.

f. Persons other than Service members may be required, as a condition of entering or exiting Fort Irwin, to submit to a physical examination or testing, as necessary, to diagnose and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and enhance public health and safety. Qualified clinical personnel will perform examinations and testing.

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8. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

a. The decision as to whether a Service Member will remain at home during all or part of the duty day will be made by the first 0-5 level commander or higher in each Service Member's chain-of-command.

b. The decision as to whether a DAC will continue to report to their traditional worksite will be made by their supervisor after considering any guidance or directives put out by the first 0-6 level commander, or higher, in the organization.

c. Commanders in the grade of 0-5 or higher will minimize the number of employees required to report to a government controlled facility, while ensuring that no manning decision made pursuant to this order will adversely impact the readiness of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, its subordinate and tenant units, or mission essential support services for Service Members, DACs, and their families.

d. Although not required by California Executive Order N-33-20, Service Members and DACs continuing to perform work at a government controlled facility will show local law enforcement their Common Access Card and explain to local law enforcement the general nature of their work if stopped while en route to or from work.

e. **COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES.** All commanders, leaders, and military and DoD supervisors are expected to support their Service Members and DACs ordered into quarantine or isolation. Support includes assisting the quarantined/isolated individual in obtaining necessary comfort, food, entertainment, or personal services while the individual remains in quarantine or isolation. Additionally, all unit commanders shall ensure all of their personnel and Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) leaders are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order. This includes the spouses of deployed military personnel.

f. **WAIVERS AND ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.** Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander through the chain of command to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary for good order and discipline. Any additional restrictions imposed by a commander will be forwarded to the Chief of Staff, National Training Center and Fort Irwin.

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9. EFFECTIVE DATE. **Effective date of this order is 12 June 2020 and remains in effect until 12 July 2020, unless I rescind earlier, or modified in conjunction with local, state, or DoD guidance.** I will continue to conduct a continuous conditions-based assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to FICA. Based on this assessment, I will review this Order every 15 days to determine if any further modifications are necessary. As we continue to monitor the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, this Order will be updated, as warranted, consistent with my priorities outlined in paragraph 4 of this order.



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