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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison, Policy #14, Standards of Dress and Prohibited Attire for Patrons of Garrison Services

1. PURPOSE: To inform patrons of Garrison Services, including MWR and Exchange outlets, of dress standards for utilization of those services.
2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all personnel on Fort Irwin including Service Members, Dependents, and contractors who use Garrison Services or access Garrison facilities as patrons, except federal government employees on duty who are bound by the rules prescribed by their collective bargaining agreements.
3. REFERENCES:
  - a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of the Army Uniform and Insignia, 26 January 2021
  - b. TB Med 530, Occupational and Environmental Health Food Service Sanitation, 1 March 2019
  - c. Collective Bargaining Agreement, NFFE and NTC and Fort Irwin, 2 February 1990
  - d. Collective Bargaining Agreement, IAMAW and Fort Irwin MWR, 6 May 2008
4. POLICY: The purpose of this policy is to establish the required dress standards for military personnel on Fort Irwin and to provide uniformity in dress for patrons, military, and nonmilitary, of Fort Irwin Garrison and tenant facilities. Individuals failing to meet prescribed dress standards may be refused admittance or service to facilities located on Fort Irwin.
  - a. All military personnel must wear the prescribed uniform of the day while conducting military business at Fort Irwin. Exceptions to wearing the prescribed uniform include the following: emergency situations, personnel in a leave status, and Soldiers on permissive TDY for residence hunting provided they have leave documentation in their possession. Also excepted from this policy are Soldiers whose medical profile precludes their ability to wear the prescribed uniform for the day. In this case, a clean Physical Training (PT) uniform is approved provided the Soldier has in his/her possession documentation relating to their profile.

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b. The mixing of uniforms is prohibited; the only items of military clothing acceptable for wear with civilian attire, without insignia or rank, are windbreakers, sweaters, black all-weather coats, and overcoats, fleece caps, physical training uniforms, and undergarments such as the tan undershirt can also be worn mixed with civilian clothes (670-1 para 3-9); for the physical fitness uniform, though, only when off the installation.

c. Sponsors are responsible for the appearance, attire, and conduct of their Family members and they too are expected to conform to acceptable standards of dress as outlined within this policy.

d. Soldiers subsist in Fort Irwin dining facilities while in uniform must ensure their uniform is complete, clean, and neat.

e. Wearing of the military uniform in dining facilities during such holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas is at the discretion of the commander who may authorize a modified dress code for military personnel. The owning unit Commander is the final authority regarding interpretations of this dress code for holiday meals.

f. Soldiers are authorized to wear PT uniforms in the dining facilities when scheduled PT prevents Soldiers from being able to eat breakfast in the dining facility. PT gear is authorized in the fast-food line only, Monday through Friday, to allow Soldiers time to pick up and take their breakfast meal. Soldiers whose medical profile recognizes the PT uniform as their uniform of the day are permitted to eat their breakfast, lunch, or dinner meal in a dining facility.

g. The wearing of civilian attire should be a matter of personal pride and care should be taken by all Soldiers, Family Members, retirees, civilians, and guests to ensure their clothing is clean, conservative, inoffensive, presentable, and neat. Attire should be appropriate to the environment (i.e., workout clothing or swimwear designed for the hot conditions of the summer heat is appropriate in the gymnasium, commissaries, and exchange on all installations, pools, or on the sports field, but not in the Chapel).

(1) Shoes, boots, or sandals/flip flops/shower shoes/Hawaiian slippers must be worn. Bare feet are not allowed at any time, except at facilities such as the pool or splash park or when recreating at one of our many fields or parks.

(2) Clothing that includes obscene, vulgar, distasteful, slanderous, or sexually suggestive language is prohibited, additionally, attire that depicts drug paraphernalia or any illegal activity is not permitted.

(3) Clothing which makes disparaging comments concerning the Military or the United States Government is prohibited.

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(4) See-through garments and clothing which exposes the midriff are not permitted.

(5) The wear of clothing designed primarily to be worn as nightwear/sleepwear while frequenting installation facilities.

(6) Trousers cannot sag or be cut off where pocket linings are visible.

(7) Short shorts and short skirts, which expose the buttocks to public view are prohibited.

5. As an Army, we pride ourselves on standards, discipline, and military bearing at all times. We should carry ourselves in such a manner as to bring pride to the profession and to the respect and dignity to the community. As such, all leaders, in or out of uniform, should exercise general military authority to make on the spot corrections when necessary to correct infractions contradictory to this policy, to include pointing out violations of the policy to family members. While leaders should point out violations to family members, any enforcement of the standards should be left to the manager of the facility in which the family member is visiting.

6. The proponent for this policy letter is the Garrison Command Sergeant Major at 760-380-6268.

  
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