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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel, Department of Defense (DOD) Civilians, Contractors and Family Members within the United States Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA) Installations

SUBJECT: Policy #7 - Control and Maintenance of Private Boats and Boat Storage Lots on U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA).

1. References.
  - a. AR 210-20, Real Property Master Planning for Army Installations, 16 May 2005.
  - b. AR 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 12 February 2008.
  - c. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 24 July 2020.
2. Scope. This policy applies to all boat owners, users, and custodians of boat lots and private storage and maintenance facilities located on USAG-KA. It does not apply to Private Organizations, which are addressed under a separate program. The term "boat" as used in this policy memorandum includes all non-self-propelled marine vessels, including power boats, sail boats, dinghies, and jet skis; it does not include small, self-propelled boats such as kayaks and canoes.
3. Purpose. This policy addresses ownership of private boats and past practices relating to construction, renovation, and use of non-standard boat lot buildings, commonly known as "boat shacks." Boat lots were historically allowed at USAG-KA to support the resident boating community, with a limited purpose of providing an area for storage and maintenance of the custodian's boat. Over time, many of these storage and maintenance areas were expanded into boat shacks that equate to real property with power and water. Often these shacks fail to meet construction and safety standards or have no genuine relation to boat maintenance.
4. Findings. USAG-KA is a military installation, bound by Army standards regarding uniform building codes, safety, and property management. The current state of the private boat storage and maintenance lots fails to meet acceptable standards concerning construction, safety, uniformity, zoning, or general decorum for an Army installation. Private storage and use of hazardous materials in potentially unsafe and unregulated ways raises environmental stewardship concerns. Consistency with Army

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installation principles and practices, and conformity with the real property master planning process is necessary.

5. Policy. USAG-KA policy is to support boating and recreational options to the extent legal and logistical constraints allow. Further, all boat storage and maintenance facilities must meet and maintain compliance with common and universally acceptable Army installation practices and standards, and appropriate building and safety codes and regulations.

6. Principles and Requirements.

a. **New boats cannot be brought to USAG-KA without approval by the DFMWR in writing. The boat owner is responsible for arranging and funding transportation of the approved boat to USAG-KA.**

b. Private boat ownership and storage and maintenance facilities on USAG-KA are privileges not entitlements, and may be suspended or revoked as determined necessary.

c. Boat lot privileges and boat mooring or harbor after departure (PCS) from USAG-KA is not authorized. Custodianship of boats, lots, or shacks after PCS is not authorized.

d. Ownership of Private Boats.

(1) Private boats are required to be registered yearly with the base operations contractor. For registration, the boat owner must show proof of ownership and proof of liability insurance. Boats that do not have current registration will not be allowed dry storage on USAG-KA controlled islands or mooring in USAG-KA harbors and will not be permitted to purchase fuel from USAG-KA.

e. Use of Boat Lots and Boat Shacks.

(1) Boat lot locations are for storage and maintenance of registered boats only. Boat lots have no other authorized purpose or function.

f. Long term repair of a boat beyond a 12-month period is not authorized. Only operational boats or those being repaired (12-month repair limit) are permitted on USAG-KA.

g. Boat lots and shacks are subject to relocation or reassignment at any time.

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- h. Lot users and boat shack owners must prove ownership of a boat for privileges to possess a boat shack and use a boat lot. Upon transfer or sale of a boat, existing boat shacks are not permitted to be transferred to the new boat owner. The new boat owner must request a new boat lot.
- i. Only current residents of USAG-KA may register a private boat and moor, harbor, or store that boat at USAG-KA. Exceptions for visitors must be approved by the USAG-KA Director of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR).
- j. All residents must completely dispose of lot materials and boat upon termination of boat lot privileges.
- k. The USAG-KA DFMWR shall ensure an acceptable process is implemented for revocation of privileges or removal of non-compliant boats, lots, shacks, or storage from USAG-KA.
- l. Any transfer of boat lot location or boat shacks must be approved by the USAG-KA DFMWR in writing prior to the transfer. Transfer of non-compliant boat shacks is prohibited.
- m. **Disposal of boats, shacks, and associated personal property is the sole responsibility of the owner or user. Failure to remove property will result in the property being treated as abandoned. Abandoned property at USAG-KA is removed and disposed. Costs of cleanup and disposal may be assessed against the individual who abandoned the property.**
- n. All small hand-launched watercraft and permitted storage will be consolidated at a single location identified by the Real Property Planning Board (RPPB).
- o. Boat lot, shack, or storage area transfer, construction, improvement, or reconstruction (if disassembled) is prohibited without USAG-KA DFMWR written approval. Repair may be authorized.
- p. The Base Operations contractor shall strictly enforce this policy. All boat lot users will acknowledge the rules and conditions outlined in this policy in writing or privileges shall be immediately terminated.
- q. Violations of this policy or associated standards are grounds for immediate termination of privileges without further warning.

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