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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Letter #20, Operational Guidance for Drones or Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

1. REFERENCES.

a. AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program, 27 June 2019

b. AR 525-13, The Army Anti-Terrorism Program, 3 December 2019

c. AR 530-1, The Army OPSEC Program, 26 September 2014

d. AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010

e. Army Directive 2012-02 (Supplemental Policy for Operations of Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the National Airspace System), 13 January 2012

f. MOA Concerning the Operation of DoD Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the National Airspace System, 16 September 2013

g. FAA regulation PART 107

2. PURPOSE. This policy establishes the instructions, standards, guidance, and general information to operate drones within the USAG Fort Leavenworth installation boundaries.

3. SCOPE. This policy governs all drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). For the purpose of this policy, a drone is an unmanned aircraft system without a human pilot onboard; instead, the UAS is controlled from an operator on the ground. Excluded from this policy are remote controlled aircraft or unmanned aircraft typically classified as a toy incapable of reaching significant altitudes of 400' AGL or higher or distances exceeding visual line of sight and weighing under 0.55 pounds.

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4. APPLICABILITY. This policy is applicable to all Fort Leavenworth military, Civilians, contractors, technical representatives, and their Family members residing on the installation, working on the installation, or granted access to Fort Leavenworth.

5. GENERAL.

a. Drones are commonly used for recreational purposes; however, they are increasingly being used for professional applications, such as surveillance and data-gathering, and may be used subversively against U.S. personnel.

b. Drone operation must also be restricted on and around military installations due to the possibility of signal interference causing a loss of aircraft control. These activities threaten operational security and may potentially endanger the safety of military aircraft.

c. Operating drones outdoors on Fort Leavenworth is prohibited. Exceptions to this policy must be submitted in writing for approval by the Department of The Army.

d. The Military Police are responsible for enforcing this policy. They will report violations of this policy to the Garrison Commander and the sponsoring unit chain of command.

6. Point of contact for this policy is William E. Brown, DPTMS Anti-Terrorism Officer, at william.e.brown4.civ@army.mil or at phone number (913) 684-0089.

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