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SUBJECT: Army Policy for Unmanned Aircraft Systems on Army Installations

1. References:

- a. Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Execution Order (EXORD) 033-15, "Installation Access," 8 November 2014.
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 95-2 (Air Traffic Control, Airfield/Heliport, and Airspace Operations), 31 March 2016.
- c. AR 95-23 (Unmanned Aircraft System Flight Regulations), 2 July 2010.
- d. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7200.23, 3 October 2016.
- e. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 2000.26, "Suspicious Activity Reporting," 23 September 2014, Change 1, 12 May 2017.
- f. FAA/Department of Defense (DoD) Joint Standard Operating Procedures for Unmanned Aircraft Systems specific Special Security Instruction (SSI), 7 April 2017.
- g. AR 190-13 (The Army Physical Security Program), 25 February 2011.
- h. AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy), 6 November 2014.
- i. Title 14, Code of Regulations, Part 107.

2. Purpose. This memorandum establishes Army policy for management and use of nonofficial unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) on Army installations. This memorandum does not cover official use of UAS, including the official use of nonstandard UAS, which is governed by AR 95-2 and AR 95-23. Personally procured UAS are not authorized for official use.

3. Definitions. The FAA defines unmanned aircraft (UA) as an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft. UAS is also defined as an UA and the associated elements to include communication links and components that control the UA. Army installations worldwide include standard installations, nonstandard installations, and stand-alone facilities as defined in HQDA

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EXORD 033-15. The senior commander designee must be at the O-6 or equivalent rank.

4. **Commercial Use Policy.** Commercial use of UAS within an Army installation is prohibited without prior approval from the senior commander or an O-6 or equivalent designee. Senior commanders may authorize use of UAS for commercial purposes within their installation on a case-by-case basis. Operators must comply with all requirements for commercial UAS use found in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 107. Residents and organizations within an Army installation are prohibited from receiving commercial services originating outside an installation by means of UAS.

5. **Recreational Use Policy.** Recreational use of UAS within an Army installation is prohibited without prior approval from the senior commander or their designee. Senior commanders may authorize use of UAS for recreational purposes on a case-by-case or recurring basis. Each authorization will specify the scope of the recreational use to include designated locations and times approved for flying. Operators will abide by FAA requirements found at www.faa.gov/uas and register at an installation administration office. At a minimum, registration must include the pilot's contact information and FAA UAS registration number. Army installations will disseminate and post rules and regulations governing recreational UAS use as appropriate.

6. **Enforcement.** Unauthorized use of UAS from within an installation may result in the loss of installation access privileges; potential forfeiture of any unauthorized recordings, photographs, or videos; adverse personnel action; and possible criminal prosecution under Federal or State law, as appropriate. Installations will display No-UAS signs at installation entry points and any additional locations per the senior commander's discretion. Installation law enforcement officials will refer incidents involving unauthorized UAS flights controlled outside of the installation to local law enforcement. Commercial and recreational UAS operations will be suspended if the force protection condition (FPCON) level rises to FPCON CHARLIE or DELTA.

7. **Reporting.** Report suspicious UAS activity in accordance with DoDI 2000.26, and record the activity on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's eGuardian system. Report flight violations by UAS in accordance with para 2-11a(2), of AR 95-23.

8. **Promulgation.** Senior commanders are encouraged to develop local UAS installation policy. Local installation policy will be consistent with this policy and any Federal, State, or local UAS laws and regulations, to include FAA-designated Special Security Instruction areas. Overseas installations must develop installation UAS policy with host nation authorities and align with any standing status of forces agreements.

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