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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk Policy 15 -  
Cantonment Area Policy

1. Reference: Army Regulation (AR) 600-20, Army Command Policy
2. Purpose: To establish limits on the presence and conduct of all visiting military personnel, Civilian employees, and contractor personnel in the cantonment area of the JRTC and Fort Polk.
3. Applicability: This policy applies to all visiting Soldiers and Civilians, Augmentees, guest observer, coach, trainers (OC/Ts), and Rotational Training Unit (RTU) Soldiers conducting and/or participating in rotational training at JRTC and Fort Polk. Pursuant to AR 600-20, para 2-5b, the command authority of the Senior Commander (SC) includes all authorities inherent in command, including the authority to ensure the maintenance of good order and discipline for the installation.
4. Policy: All RTU Soldiers, enablers, and augmentees are restricted to the boundaries of Fort Polk. At no time will any RTU personnel be permitted to leave Fort Polk and/or the Area Port of Debarkation (APOD) to attend establishments outside of the military installation to include Leesville, Deridder, Alexandria, and surrounding areas. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis, such as hospitalization of a Soldier or emergency leave travel. The approval authority for RTU/Brigade Combat Team (BCT)/Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) personnel to depart Fort Polk and/or the ISB is the BCT/SFAB Commander. Guest OC/Ts are permitted to go off post.
  - a. JRTC and Fort Polk is committed to providing our visitors with the best combat training in the world, and as our guests, access to our community services and facilities. The cantonment area is fully staffed, stocked, resourced, and funded to meet the requirements of visiting military personnel and civilian employees.
  - b. This policy applies to Fort Polk, Alexandria, Port Arthur, Port Beaumont, and any other area being utilized for JRTC Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSOI) and Redeployment.

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c. Facilities: The Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA) is designed to meet the needs of the RTU personnel transitioning in and out of the training area. For safety reasons, use of the RUBA is for official business only, and is off-limits to all Family members and guests.

(1) Field Feeding Facilities: JRTC's field feeding facilities are located in Buildings 8239, 8095, and the Rotational Field Feeding Facility (RF3). These facilities are designed to support RTU personnel only; Civilians are not authorized in these facilities. LTP, PDSS, guests OC/Ts, and RTU Advanced Echelon (ADVON) / Trail personnel may request Installation Dining Facility (DFAC) support through the Installation G-4 Food Service Section per Forces Command (FC) 350-50-2 and RTU Deployment Order (DEPOD). All DFAC requests must be submitted to the Sustainment Operations Center (SOC).

(2) Off Limit Areas: The following are off limits to RTU personnel and Augmentee Soldiers during RSOI, rotational training, and Reverse RSOI:

- (a) The Main Post Exchange (PX).
- (b) The Commissary.
- (c) All shoppettes except the North Fort Shoppette adjacent to the RUBA.
- (d) The Class VI Store (located on Colorado Avenue and North Fort).
- (e) The swimming pools (both installation and residential areas).
- (f) All child, youth, and school services facilities.
- (g) All Family housing and Soldier barracks areas. An exception to policy (in writing) to the Commanding General, JRTC and Fort Polk may be requested by the RTU Command for specific circumstances. All requests for an exception to policy must be forwarded through the chain of command (RTU, Operations Group) through the JRTC and Fort Polk Chief of Staff (CoS) for approval.
- (h) Anvil Bar and The Forge Grill (the Warrior Center).

d. Conduct: All personnel visiting and training at JRTC will maintain their professionalism by treating the installation facilities and personnel with respect.

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(1) Personnel visiting and training at JRTC will be courteous to Fort Polk service and facility employees at all times.

(2) Personnel visiting and training at JRTC will not engage in unprofessional behavior such as pilfering parts from the motor pools, removing flags or guidons from other units, or defacing vehicles and facilities. Such actions disrupt training, negatively impact the unit's reputation, and will be subject to disciplinary actions.

e. Authorized Uniforms: All AR 670-1 uniform standards apply in the cantonment area. The official uniform is the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) or service equivalent.

(1) Field gear and weapons will not be worn or carried by visiting and training personnel into cantonment area or any establishment on Fort Polk.

(2) The Army Combat Shirt (ACS) is authorized to be worn only when wearing body armor. RTUs and units in training are authorized to wear the OCP when the body armor is not worn. MPs are authorized to wear the ACS at all times when the body armor is worn.

(3) Camel backs, eye protection, and gloves are authorized at all times.

(4) The Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) will be worn at the North Fort Polk Gym. The APFU or OCP 9 (or service equivalent) will be worn while conducting physical fitness training at other authorized locations.

f. Tactical Vehicles: The primary use of tactical vehicles is for official duties in support of rotational activities. The car wash facility will not be used to wash tactical vehicles. All tactical vehicles will use chock blocks and drip pans. Antennas must be tied down when in the cantonment area. Tactical vehicles will only be parked in designated areas as identified by posted signs. The following areas are off-limit areas for tactical vehicle parking.

(1) All Family housing areas.

(2) Commercial parking areas, including the bowling alley, Burger King (on Louisiana Ave), Commissary, PX, Pizza Hut (North Fort), and shoppette parking lots.

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g. Soldiers are authorized to park tactical vehicles at the After Action Review (AAR) Theater #1 parking lot and any other authorized parking lot with posted tactical vehicle signs. All Soldiers will ensure that tactical vehicles under their control travel on approved routes to/from these areas.


h. Non-Tactical Vehicles: Transportation Motor Pool (TMP) vans are not authorized for personal use to travel to restaurants, hotels, bars, or any non-affiliated JRTC places of duty.

i. Alcohol Consumption: All RTU personnel, to include enablers, Guest OC/Ts, and augmentees, will not purchase or consume alcohol while at Fort Polk. An exception to policy (in writing) may be requested by the RTU Command to the JRTC and Fort Polk CG for specific events. All requests for an exception to policy must be forwarded through the chain of command (RTU, Operations Group) to the JRTC Chief of Staff (CoS) for approval.

5. Punitive Policy: This policy is punitive in nature. Personnel subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) who violate this policy are subject to punitive and/or administrative action. Individuals not subject to the UCMJ who violate this policy are subject to adverse administrative action. In addition to the above, the commander of any violators will be required to respond to the violation and will be required to report to the Commanding General (CG) of JRTC and Fort Polk.

6. Proponent: The point of contact for this policy is the Command Sergeant Major, JRTC and Fort Polk, at (337) 531-6699.

7. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

  
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