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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk Policy 13 -
Prohibiting Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Inhalant Abuse

1. References:

- a. Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1021, Public Health and Safety Definitions, 2011.
- b. Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1022, Determination of Drug Paraphernalia, 2011.
- c. Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1023, Prohibited Acts, 2011.
- d. Manual for Courts-Martial (2019 edition) and Executive Order 13696, 17 June 2015, Amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial.
- e. Army Regulation 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program.
- f. Drug Enforcement Administration. "Drug Fact Sheet: Inhalants."
http://www.dea.gov/druginfo/drug_data_sheets/Inhalants.pdf.
- g. DoD Instruction 1010.4, Problematic Substance Use by DoD Personnel, 20 February 2014.

2. Purpose: This policy memorandum supports DoD drug abuse prevention efforts by:

- a. Prohibiting the purchase, use, or possession of drug paraphernalia at Fort Polk.
- b. Prohibiting inhalant abuse (huffing) and the purchase, use, or possession of items with the intent to engage in inhalant abuse.

3. Applicability: This policy is applicable to all military and Civilian personnel living, working, and/or otherwise present on the JRTC and Fort Polk.

4. Background (Paraphernalia Policy):

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a. Prohibiting the possession of drug paraphernalia aids in the command's drug abuse prevention effort by identifying suppliers, dealers, and users of dangerous drugs and removing the equipment used to facilitate illegal drug use.

b. Many military and civilian jurisdictions, including the State of Louisiana, have already adopted policies to prohibit the use and possession of drug paraphernalia (paragraphs 1b-1d).

c. Items constituting drug paraphernalia that are prohibited by this policy include: all equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance or other substances prohibited by this policy.

5. Policy: The wrongful use, possession, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation of drug paraphernalia is prohibited. "Wrongful" means without legal justification or excuse, and includes use contrary to the directions of the manufacturer or prescribing healthcare provider.

6. Background (Inhalant Abuse Policy):

a. Inhalant abuse (huffing) is the intentional inhalation or breathing of gas, fumes, or vapors of a chemical substance or compound with the intent of inducing intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction in the user. Nearly all abused inhalants produce effects similar to anesthetics which slow down the body's function. These effects may include slurred speech, an inability to coordinate movements, euphoria, and dizziness. (paragraph 1g).

b. Other effects of inhalant abuse include weight loss, muscle weakness, depression, and damage to the nervous system and other organs. Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome may cause fatal complications to the user after even a single session of inhalant use (paragraph 1g).

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7. Policy:


a. The intentional inhalation or breathing of gas, fumes, or vapors of a chemical substance or compound with the intent of inducing intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction in the user is prohibited.

b. The wrongful use, possession, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation of items intended to facilitate inhalant abuse is prohibited. "Wrongful" means without legal justification or excuse, and includes use contrary to the directions of the manufacturer or prescribing healthcare provider.

8. Punitive Policy: This policy memorandum constitutes a lawful general order issued under my authority as a General Court-Martial Convening Authority. Violations may result in punitive action against service members under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and adverse administrative actions against the service members, Civilians (including contractors), and Family members on JRTC and Fort Polk.

9. Proponent: The point of contact for this policy is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Chief, Military Justice Division, at (337) 531-0977.

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


DAVID S. DOYLE
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