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**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1** – Prohibited Activities for Personnel Subject to the Authority of the Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk.

1. Statement of Military Purpose and Necessity. On 27 March 2020, I declared a Public Health Emergency to exist on Fort Polk due to the COVID-19 outbreak and pursuant to authority in Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03. Mitigation measures taken by the Army to blunt the spread of COVID-19 have proven insufficient to date. More aggressive prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to control the transmission of the disease. Restrictions on certain activities are required to preserve the health and readiness of the force. This General Order establishes those restrictions and identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline and the health, safety, and readiness of the force.

2. Authority. 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); HQDA General Order No. 1981-10, General Court-Martial Convening Authority, 1 May 1981; JRTC & FP Supplement to AR 27-10, Military Justice, dated 12 March 2010; Revision to Appendix A, JRTC & FP Supplement to AR 27-10, dated 8 October 2015; Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, para. 2-5b, dated 6 November 2014. Reference. State of Louisiana, Executive Department, Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, Additional Measures for COVID-19, "Stay at Home," 22 March 2020.

3. Applicability. This General Order applies to all military personnel and Department of the Army Civilians (DACs) assigned, performing duty, or located on Fort Polk. This includes civilians residing in privatized (e.g., Corvias) housing on the installation.

4. Terms.

a. The term "home" as used in this order encompasses an individual's residence, to include an individual's barracks, apartment/condominium, single family residence, privatized (e.g., Corvias) housing, or other living arrangement.

b. The term "stay at home" as used in this order means immediately cease leaving a home or place of residence except: (1) to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or (2) for employment in essential business services.

c. The term "essential activities" is defined as follows: (1) obtaining necessary supplies and services; (2) engaging in activities essential for the health and safety of military personnel, Department of the Army Civilians, dependents, and pets; (3) caring for a family member, friend, or pet in another household or residence, and (4) engaging in outdoor exercise provided appropriate social distancing practices are used.

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d. The term “essential business services” refers to employees who support the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal government and U.S. Military, such as support to COVID-19 operations, minimum manning functions to preserve mission essential combat readiness, and those activities required to maintain good order and discipline.

e. The term “restriction of movement” as used in this order means the limiting of movement of an individual or group to prevent or diminish the transmission of a communicable disease, including ingress and egress to, from, or on a military installation.

f. The term “quarantine” is defined as the separation of an individual or group that has been exposed to a communicable disease, but is not ill yet, from others who have not been so exposed, in a manner and place to prevent the spread of the communicable disease.

g. The term “isolation” is defined as the separation of an individual or group infected or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease from those who are healthy in such a place and manner to prevent the spread of the communicable disease.

h. The term “visitor(s)” is defined as any person who does not normally reside in the home of the Service Member.

5. Prohibited Activities. In light of the recent stay at home order issued by Governor John Bel Edwards of the State of Louisiana in response to COVID-19, and in order to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of Service Members, civilian employees, their families, and the community, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

a. *State Law and Regulations*. To the extent that they do not contradict U.S. Government and Department of Defense regulations and policy, all persons residing on the Fort Polk Military Reservation will comply with applicable provisions of state and local authority public health orders. Servicemembers and DACs residing off the installation will abide by state and local restrictions to the extent such restrictions do not interfere with the performance of your duties as a Federal employee, whether such duties are military or civilian in nature.

b. *Travel*. No leaves or passes are authorized for Service Members outside a 50 mile radius from Fort Polk. Service Members may travel only to support essential activities and essential business services. Civilian personnel who travel outside the 50 miles radius may be subject to quarantine and/or medical screening as a condition to access the installation.

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c. *Visitation.* Gatherings of five (5) or more persons are prohibited. This limitation does not apply to interactions between individuals living within the same home or visitors properly approved through the chain of command. Service Members living within the barracks will have no more than two (2) visitors in the same barracks at the same time. **House and barracks parties are strictly forbidden.** This does not apply to public service venues such as the hospital, commissary, and AAFES facilities.

d. *Physical Fitness.* Service Members are authorized to perform individual physical fitness training outdoors, or individual physical fitness training inside their home. Service Members will not congregate in groups to perform physical fitness.

e. *Curfew.* Service Members residing in the barracks will abide by a curfew and remain in their assigned room from 2200 to 0500 regardless of their duty status (e.g. leave), unless assigned specific duties or tasks by company level, or higher, command.

f. *Restriction of Movement.* Service Members shall adhere to the directives of medical personnel and commanders regarding an Order into Quarantine or Isolation. All Civilians and Family Members shall adhere to these directives. Civilians and Family Members living on post who do not comply may be subject to punishment under Title 18 United States Code (USC) and/or Title 42 USC 271 and may be barred from Fort Polk. Civilians and Family members living off post who do not comply may also be subject to punishment under Title 18 United States Code (USC) and/or Title 42 USC 271 and may be denied access to Fort Polk.

g. *Restriction of Access.* Persons other than Service Members may be required, as a condition of entering or exiting Fort Polk, to submit to a physical examination or testing, as necessary, to diagnose and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and enhance public health and safety. Qualified clinical personnel will perform examinations and testing.

6. Individual Duty. Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein. They have a further duty to become familiar with and respect Federal and State laws, regulations and proclamations regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Violations of this General Order or Federal and State laws may result in criminal punishment or adverse administrative action as set out herein.

7. Commander Responsibilities. All commanders, leaders, and military and DoD supervisors are expected to support their Service Members and DACs ordered into quarantine or isolation. Support includes assisting the quarantined/isolated individual in obtaining necessary comfort, food, entertainment, or personal services while the individual remains in quarantine or isolation. Additionally, all unit commanders shall ensure all of their personnel and Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) leaders are

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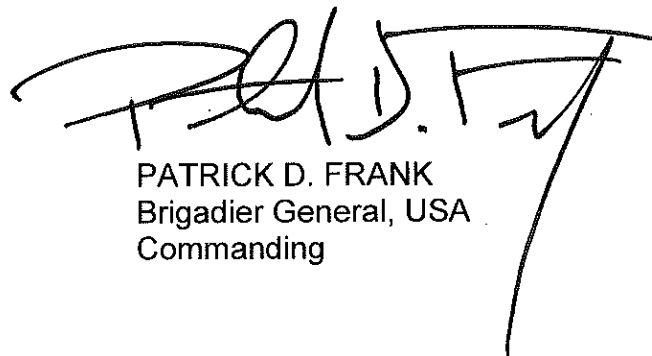
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briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order. This includes the spouses of deployed military personnel.

8. Waivers and Amendments. Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary to maintain good order and discipline. Any additional restrictions imposed by a commander will be forwarded to me through the Fort Polk Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

9. Punitive Order. The provisions contained in paragraph 5 and its subparagraphs constitute a punitive order for Service Members. Violations may be punished with appropriate administrative, non-judicial, and/or judicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Civilian personnel on the installation found to be knowingly in violation of the provisions in paragraph 5 and its subparagraphs will be cited for violation of Section 1382 of Title 18, United States Code (USC) and Section 757 of Title 50, USC. Civilian employees working on the installation may be subject to employment action should knowing violations of the provisions of paragraph 6 and its subparagraphs impact their workplace or the ability for their organization to accomplish their mission. Title 18 United States Code (USC), and/or Title 42 USC 271.

10. Effective Date. This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me.



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