

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON STUTTGART UNIT 30401 APO AE 09154-0401

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Service Members, Civilian Employees and Family Members Working or Residing in the USAG Stuttgart Area of Responsibility.

SUBJECT: USAG Stuttgart Command Policy Letter #16, Off-Post Uniform Wear

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. This policy implements a permanent program to authorized military personnel stationed, or on Temporary Duty (TDY), in the 7ATC GOFP AO to wear military uniforms at off-post establishments for the purpose of increasing positive engagements within the local Host-Nation community and during the commute to the official duty station. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by the Commanding General, 7ATC.
- 2. <u>Applicability:</u> This policy applies to all military personnel permanently stationed, or in a TDY status at U.S. Army Garrison locations located within the German States of Bavaria and Baden Wurttemberg.
- 3. <u>Responsibility.</u> Military personnel conducting activities in any uniform authorized under this policy will do so with the highest degree of professionalism and courtesy and will strictly comply with military law/policy and host nation laws. Personnel are reminded that their behavior can have strategic consequences for our mission in Europe. Every service member must constantly assess their surroundings and apply sound, mature judgment in all situations.

4. Policy.

- a. The Combat Uniform and Service Uniform may be worn during travel between domicile and official duty locations and additional visits to off-post establishments such as restaurants and cafes, markets and shops, vehicle maintenance facilities, gas stations, drugstores, medical facilities, barbershops, and similar locations. Personnel should not stay any longer than required. All off-post uniform wear in prohibited at FPCON Charlie and Delta.
- b. The Physical Fitness Uniform (PFU) may be worn at off-post establishments between the hours of 0500-0900 only for short duration visits that do not include on-site consumption of food or drinks but may include gas stops. Individual PT off-post in the PFU is authorized at FPCON Alpha and Bravo.
- c. Uniforms are not authorized at non-local commercial transportation nodes or when using non-local commercial transportation, including air, rail, and bus transportation.

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- d. Uniforms will be clean, serviceable, and worn in accordance with standards listed in the applicable uniform regulations at all times.
- e. Uniforms are authorized for ground travel between garrisons at FPCON Alpha and Bravo.
- f. Personnel may not wear the uniform in off-post establishments that primarily sell alcohol for consumption on the premises. Further, uniforms are not authorized in hookah lounges.
- g. All unit-organized off-post events and activities, including unit Physical Training (PT), will adhere to the established antiterrorism planning for off-post Special Events, outlined in AER 525-13, Appendix J, the current 7ATC Antiterrorism Plan & GOFP Operations, OPORD, and the USAG Ansbach, Bavaria, and Stuttgart Special Events SOPs.
- h. Soldiers will report any adverse experiences while in uniform off-post to their chain of command. Examples of reportable incidents include but are not limited to: Local Nationals using derogatory language or signals to uniformed Soldiers; Local Nationals approaching uniformed Soldiers and demanding to know why the U.S. Military maintains a presence in Germany, or any physical or verbal intimidation used by Local Nationals.
- 5. <u>Violations.</u> The provisions of paragraph 4 are punitive, and violation may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92.
- 6. <u>Delegation.</u> Subordinate commanders may impose additional limitations if necessary for the maintenance of good order and discipline or safety.
- 7. Exception. The GOFP is the sole approval authority for exceptions to this policy.
- 8. <u>Effective Date</u>. This policy is effective upon publication and will remain in effect, until rescinded by the Commanding General, 7ATC. This policy supersedes 7ATC's previous off-post uniform wear policy published on 14 September 2021.

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