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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the United States Army Garrison (USAG)
Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: USAG Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter #31, Reveille and Retreat,
Customs, and Courtesy

1. References:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-25, Salutes, Honors, and Visits of Courtesy, 24
September 2004.

b. AR 840-10, Flags, Guidons, Streamers, Tabards, and Automotive and Aircraft
Plates, 15 June 2017.

c. Training Circular (TC) 3-21.5, 20 January 2012.

2. Purpose: "Reveille" and "Retreat" ceremonies are time honored military traditions. They symbolize the respect Soldiers and citizens give to the national flag and to the country. The flag will remain hoisted daily to include weekends and holidays, except for special occasions. Music only will be played at 0630 (Reveille) and at 1700 (Retreat and To the Colors).

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all Military and Civilian personnel, including Family members residing and commuting within the USAG Wiesbaden community.

4. Policy: IAW AR 600-25, the following actions will be taken during the playing of "Reveille" and "Retreat" and "To the Colors".

a. All personnel driving on the installation must stop upon hearing Reveille or Retreat. Service members and government Civilians will turn off their vehicles and, if safe to do so, exit their vehicles to render appropriate honors. Individuals outside of buildings will render the appropriate honors to the flag during the Reveille and Retreat ceremonies.

b. Disabled persons and small children are not required to exit their vehicle during the playing of Reveille or Retreat.

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c. Reveille:

(1) During the playing of "Reveille", Service members in uniform will face the flag, come to the position of "attention" and "present arms" at the first note of music. Once the music is complete, personnel may resume their normal duties.

(2) If in formation during the playing of "Reveille", the senior Service member will call the group to attention, give the proper facing movement to face the flag and command "Present, ARMS" at the first note of music. Once the music is completed, the senior Service member will command "Order, ARMS", and continue with normal business.

d. Retreat and To the Colors:

(1) When the first note of Retreat is heard, Service members (in and out of uniform) will face the flag or the direction the music is coming from if the flag is not visible and come to the position of "Attention". At the first note of "To the Colors", Service members in uniform will come to the position of "Present ARMS". Service members not in uniform will remain at the position of attention. At the conclusion of the music, personnel may resume their regular duties.

(2) When in formation or a group, the senior Service member present will call the group to attention and then command "Parade, REST" at the first note of "Retreat". At the first note of "To the Colors", the senior Service member will call the group to attention and command "Present, ARMS". Those in civilian clothing will remove their headgear and place their right hand over their heart at the first note of "To the Colors". Service members not in uniform and retired Service members may render the hand salute if they choose. At the conclusion, the senior Service member will command "Order ARMS".

5. The point of contact for this policy is the Garrison Command Sergeant Major, DSN 548-0100, commercial 0611-143-548-0100 or email: christopher.d.truchon.mil@mail.mil



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