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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: (U) Off-Post Uniform Wear Policy for Military Personnel in the German State of Hessen

**1. Purpose.** This policy establishes the standards that authorize DoD personnel stationed or TDY within the Wiesbaden community to wear military uniforms at certain off-post establishments. This policy establishes additional force protection-specific standards in addition to pre-existing AR 670-1 off-post uniform wear requirements. The goal is to encourage increased engagement within our host nation communities; provide service members with accessible off-post service options; and facilitate travel between locations while ensuring DoD personnel are taking appropriate individual protective measures to reduce their likelihood of being targeted. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by the General Officer for Force Protection (GOFP).

**2. Applicability.** Garrison force protection policies, including this uniform wear applies to all DoD personnel, including Service Members, Civilians, and Family Members, permanently stationed or TDY at U.S. Army Garrison locations located within the German state of Hessen and the city of Mainz Kastel regardless of Service.

**3. Responsibility.** 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 judgement in all situations. All personnel will remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity and/or adverse experiences while in uniform off post to their Chain of Command. Examples of reportable incidents include but are not limited to the use of derogatory language or signals to uniformed Soldiers, demands of why the U.S. maintains a presence in Germany, and any physical or verbal intimidation. Subordinate commands will send a bi-monthly report to the USAG Wiesbaden protection office, ATTN: Antiterrorism Officer. A negative report is not required.

**4. Standards.** DoD personnel are authorized to wear uniforms off-post under the following conditions:

a. Uniforms will be clean, serviceable, and worn in accordance with standards listed in AR 670-1 and DA RAM 670-1 at all times.

b. Uniforms may be worn during travel between domicile, official duty locations, and additional visits to off-post establishments such as restaurants, cafes, markets, shops,

vehicle maintenance facilities, gas stations, drugstores, medical facilities, barbershops, and similar locations. Personnel should not stay any longer than required.

c. The Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) is authorized for wear off-post during fitness training conducted from 0500-0900 on the DES patrolled roads outside of the gate/fence line (See Enclosure 1). The APFU may be worn at off-post establishments between the hours of 0500 to 0900 only for short duration visits that do not include on-site consumption of food or drinks but may include gas stops.

d. The uniform can be worn traveling to or from another garrison or GOFP's Area of Operation (AO) so long as uniform wear is not restricted at the destination. Travel to and from airports, all air travel, and travel on non-local commercial transportation will be in civilian clothing. Personnel who are transporting travelers to and from the airport may remain in uniform but are limited to parking, and short vehicular stops to pick-up and drop-off personnel.

e. Uniform wear is authorized on local public and commercial transportation within the city limits of Wiesbaden and Mainz Kastel, including taxi's, buses, trains, and privately owned vehicles. Uniforms are authorized while accompanying or transporting children to and from off-post schools or bus stops. The uniform is not authorized for public and commercial transportation that involves use of non-local travel nodes, stations, or stops.

f. Authorized uniform wear in the local area is limited to the Wiesbaden city limits and city of Mainz Kastel. Wear of the uniform is not allowed on public and commercial transportation outside the city limits of Wiesbaden and Mainz Kastel. Wiesbaden city limits is defined as the city of Wiesbaden and all suburbs listed as Mitte, Nordost, Südost, Rheingauv-Hollerborn, Klarenthal, Westend-Bleichstraße, Sonnenberg, Bierstadt, Erbenheim, Biebrich, Dotzheim, Rambach, Heßloch, Kloppenheim, Igstadt, Nordenstadt, Delkenheim, Schierstein, Frauenstein, Naurod, Medenbach, Auringen, Breckenheim, Kastel, and Kostheim.

g. Prohibited local areas for uniform wear are the suburbs and city limits of Frankfurt, Offenbach, and Darmstadt. Frankfurt suburbs are Altstadt, Bahnhofsviertel, Bergen-Enkheim, Berkersheim, Bockenheim, Dornbusch, Eckenheim, Eschersheim, Fechenheim, Flughafen, Frankfurter Berg, Gallus, Ginnheim, Griesheim, Gutleutviertel, Harheim, Hausen, Heddernheim, Höchst, Innenstadt, Kalbach-Riedberg, Nied, Nieder-Erlenbach, Nieder-Eschbach, Niederrad, Niederursel, Nordend, Oberrad, Ostend, Praunheim, Preungesheim, Riederwald, Rödelheim, Sachsenhausen, Schwanheim, Seckbach, Sindlingen, Sossenheim, Unterliederbach, Westend, and Zeilsheim. Offenbach suburbs are Dietzenbach, Dreieich, Obertshausen, Hainburg, Heusenstamm, Langen, Mainhausen, Neu-Isenburg, Rodgau, and Seligenstadt. Darmstadt suburbs are Stadtzentrum, Darmstadt-Nord, Bessungen, Darmstadt-Ost, Darmstadt West, Arheilgen, Eberstadt, Kranichstein, and Wixhausen.



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h. Uniforms are not authorized off-post when the Force Protection Condition (FPCON) is increased to FPCON Charlie or Delta.

i. All unit organized off-post events and activities, will adhere to the established Antiterrorism Planning for Special and Off-Installation Events, outlined in AER 525-13, Appendix J, the current USAG Wiesbaden Antiterrorism Plan, and the USAG Wiesbaden Trips and Special Events SOP.

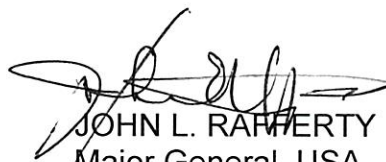
j. DoD personnel assigned to outlying location (e.g., MPEPs) are to follow the policies of their host installations commanders or other appropriate authorities.

5. **Violations.** The provisions of paragraph 4 are punitive, and offenders may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92.

6. **Delegation.** Commanders may impose additional limitations if necessary for the maintenance of good order and discipline. Any additional limitations imposed by a commander will be forwarded to the Points of Contact (POCs) identified in paragraph 8.

7. This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect until suspended, revoked, or superseded.

8. The Points of Contact are the 56<sup>th</sup> Artillery Command Anti-Terrorism Officer, CPT Chalfant at 537-7533 or matthew.t.chalfant.mil@army.mil or Deputy G3, LTC Derek Reeves at 537-7531 or derek.m.reeves2.mil@army.mil.



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