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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 2 (GO#2)

TITLE: Order Implementing Mitigation Measures to Prevent the Spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

PURPOSE: This order is issued to promote command readiness and good order and discipline for all individuals subject to military orders and individuals stationed, assigned and/or attached to the 7th MSC by mitigating the spread of COVID-19 within the 7th MSC and its area of responsibility.

AUTHORITY: Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801-940; Article II, NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), 19 Jun 51; HQDA General Order No. 2008-01, General Court-Martial Convening Authority, 11 Mar 08; Army in Europe Regulation (AER) 10-5, Organizations and Functions, 5 Dec 19, AER 27-10, Military Justice and Legal Services, 19 Aug 14; 21st TSC Supplement to AR 27-10, 16 Jan 19.

APPLICABILITY: This General Order applies to all individuals subject to military orders and individuals stationed, assigned, and/or attached to the 7th MSC Area of Operation (AO), to include Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Family Members, and other affiliated personnel. This General Order supersedes General Order Number 1 (GO#1), until further notice.

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY: Due to the spread of the COVID-19 disease, aggressive prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to reduce the transmission of the disease. Restrictions on certain activities are essential to preserving the health of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members. Furthermore, Article II of the NATO SOFA requires the United States to respect host nation laws and imposes a sovereign duty to take necessary measures to that end. To align with Host Nation Decrees while maintaining the good order and discipline, health and safety and optimum readiness of our force, I expressly prohibit certain activities, as denoted below. Throughout this order the term "social distancing" has been replaced with "physical distancing".

2. PUNITIVE ORDER: This order is punitive. Violators of this order may be subject to adverse action to include, but not limited to, being charged with a crime under Article 92 of the UCMJ. All Military personnel, dependents, and civilians assigned and/or attached to the 7th MSC and my area of responsibility will comply with the following order, effective immediately.

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3. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

a. Host Nation Laws. Germany issued decrees to address the COVID-19 pandemic. These decrees impose public health restrictions to check the spread of COVID-19. It is the duty of all U.S. Army Forces personnel and their dependents to respect and adhere to both the decrees of the German Government and the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) both on and off military installations. It is also the duty of U.S. Forces to take all necessary measures to effectuate these ends. Due to this Command's need to maintain combat readiness in addition to public health, it is necessary to establish a baseline standard to protect the force. These additional restrictions are listed below and apply regardless of any relaxation of host nation public health measures.

b. Personnel covered by this order may travel to the following locations without the need for an exception to policy (ETP), unless Host Nation Decrees require one:

(1) Between their residences and military installations.

(2) To off-post facilities within 100 kilometers of the Service Member's place of residence and within national borders as authorized for locations not subject to host nation closure or restriction.

(3) Individuals whose normal place of duty is within USAG Rheinland-Pfalz are authorized travel to and from Frankfurt am Main International Airport.

c. Military personnel and civilians subject to this order will not patronize the following off-post establishments: bars, night clubs, dance clubs, movie theaters, pools, spas, bowling alleys, massage parlors, hookah lounges, sporting events and indoor portion of restaurants (outdoor seating or picking up/carry-out orders are not prohibited). These locations remain prohibited regardless of changes in host nation protective measures.

d. Parties or other social gatherings are strictly prohibited. Personnel covered by this order are prohibited from engaging in "barracks parties" or "block parties". These activities remain prohibited regardless of changes in host nation protective measures. No more than one non-household member visitor is authorized, unless further restricted by host nation law.

e. Despite the above, individuals may continue to utilize all services and resources located on military installations. Further, this policy does not prohibit Service Members from utilizing off-post pharmacies, gas stations, medical facilities, or stores to purchase essential goods such as food or household items. Personnel subject to this order are authorized to perform physical fitness outdoors in groups containing no more than six (6) individuals on post, and no more than two (2) individuals off-post, unless and until the host nation permits more. When off-post, individuals are required to keep apprised of, and to adhere to, all host nation decrees, which evolve and shift rapidly in the face of current worldwide exigencies. Exercising personnel will increase, and maintain, a stand-off distance of at least 2 meters during exercise. Such personnel will wear gloves, or immediately wash hands directly after touching shared

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items such as weights, pull-up bars, etc., and will wipe down such items with disinfectant after use. Maintain proper hygiene practices at all times.

f. Occupying a personally owned vehicle with more than one non-household member is not authorized, unless car-pooling to work or duty location.

g. Individuals must remain in their residences from 0000 to 0500. This does not apply to official travel, duty, pet care, and medical emergencies. Service members will inform their chain of command of emergencies as soon as possible.

h. Physical Distancing.

(1) Face coverings will be worn in public to the same degree required by host nation law or applicable military authority.

(2) All personnel will maintain a separation of 1 meter distance from all other non-family personnel at all times, both indoors and outdoors. When in doubt, use a double arm interval.

(3) Individual barracks rooms are restricted to the assigned occupant(s). No more than one visitor is allowed in a barracks room at a time. Individuals will obey and adhere to all sign-in requirements enacted by the command to ensure compliance with this directive. Where shared common areas inside of barracks rooms exist, they are restricted to the assigned occupant and no more than one visitor. Individuals conducting a task on behalf of the command such as an inspection or welfare check are allowed in the barracks and common areas; however, at no time will more than three (3) Service Members be present in a single barracks room at any given time.

(4) Physical distancing procedures will be strictly enforced in day rooms, shared kitchens and other communal areas in barracks buildings accessible to everyone. Utilization of shared laundry rooms is permitted; however, physical distancing procedures must be maintained. Service members will sanitize machines after each use.

(5) Parties or other social gatherings within the barracks are strictly prohibited, to include outdoor "block parties". All other Service Members and Civilians are similarly prohibited from engaging in any type of "house party", social gathering or outdoor "block party". Once more, all individuals to whom this Order applies are also required to keep apprised of, and to adhere to, all host nation decrees, which evolve and shift rapidly in the face of current worldwide exigencies.

4. EXCEPTIONS

a. Exceptions to any of the provisions of this Order requires prior, written approval from me.

b. Emergency situations involving possible loss of life, limb, or eyesight should be handled as such and do not require prior approval.

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c. Official travel directed by the chain of command is not affected by this order.

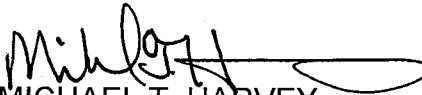
d. Service Members will comply with all DoD/HQDA restrictions on travel, as well as, applicable Host Nation decrees regarding travel, whether personal or official. Local Commanders may set more restrictive boundaries; Soldiers will comply with those, in addition to the restrictions herein.

5. 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 the laws, regulations and recent decrees of the Host Nation regarding COVID-19 prevention. Violations may result in criminal punishment or adverse administrative action.

6. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY. Unit commanders shall ensure that their personnel are fully advised on the prohibitions and requirements of this order, and shall remain available personally, or through designee(s), to address related, resultant questions and concerns. Unit commanders shall be prepared to confirm this requirement has been met.

7. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS. Request for waivers of any provision of this 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, for good order and discipline. Subordinate commanders do not have the authority to unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions without my approval, unless such authority is provided herein. Any additional restrictions imposed by a commander will be forwarded to the 7th MSC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This General Order is effective immediately; it will remain in effect until rescinded by me.


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Brigadier General, USA
Commanding