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AIR STATION ORDER 1746.4T

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AND BACHELOR QUARTERS VISITATION

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5300.28F, Military Substance Abuse Prevention and Control  
(b) MCO 1700.22G, Alcoholic Beverage Control in the Marine Corps  
(c) MCO 1700.27B W/ CH 1, Marine Corps Community Services Policy Manual  
(d) MCO 5300.17A, Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program

1. Situation. Per the references, this Order publishes regulations governing alcoholic beverage control aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort. Additionally, this Order establishes policy for visitation of members residing in the Bachelor Quarters aboard MCAS Beaufort.

2. Cancellation. ASO 1746.4S.

3. Mission. Implicit in granting these additional privileges is the understanding that all Marines and Sailors are to always display behavior deserving of the special trust and confidence the Commandant of the Marine Corps entrusts in Marines. Violations of this Order shall be dealt with appropriately by unit commanders and actions may include, but are not limited to, nonjudicial punishment and/or revocation of authorized privileges.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. This Order provides guidance to each unit's Marines and Sailors who reside in the Bachelor Quarters aboard MCAS Beaufort.

(2) Concept of Operations. The references outline the policy for the possession, consumption, and the selling of alcoholic beverages in certain authorized areas aboard MCAS Beaufort. In addition, the references establish policy and provide guidance concerning abuse of alcoholic beverages.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Definitions. The following definitions apply to words or phrases utilized throughout this Order:

(a) Alcoholic Beverages. Distilled beverages, wines, wine-based coolers, and malt beverages that contain at least 0.5 percent alcohol by volume.

(b) Distilled Beverages. Any alcoholic beverage derived by the process of distillation (i.e. brandy, whiskey, scotch, rum, etc.). The use of

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distilled beverages in the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) is authorized within the provisions of this Order.

(c) Wines and Malt Beverages. Beer, wine, and wine products such as wine coolers. These types of beverages are authorized in the BEQ spaces in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

(d) Legal Drinking Age. The sale, purchase, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall conform to the drinking age limitation of the state of South Carolina, except as specifically authorized by this Order and the references. The State of South Carolina has established laws and codes defining the minimum drinking age as 21 for all personnel within its borders.

(e) Bachelor Quarters. This includes the Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) and BEQ. This definition does not include accompanied housing located at the Laurel Bay Housing Area.

(f) Package Sales. Sale of beverages in prepared package form (i.e. six packs, 1/2 case, keg, etc.).

(g) By the Drink. Sale of beverages in the individual form (i.e. bottle, shot, glass, etc.).

(h) Visitation. Hosting of guests, 18 years of age or older, by personnel residing in the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters.

(2) Sale and Purchase of Alcoholic Beverages

(a) The Commanding Officer (CO), MCAS Beaufort and those facility managers authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on or off premises consumption are responsible for ensuring that only individuals of legal age possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages. Personnel employed to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages meet minimum age requirements established by state and local law.

(b) Sale of Packaged Alcoholic Beverages. The sale of packaged alcoholic beverages is authorized at the Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) and Laurel Bay 7-Day Store, and is subject to proof of age and authorized patronage.

(c) Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by the Drink. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages by the drink for on premise consumption only, is authorized at the following locations subject to proof of age and authorized patronage:

1. MCAS Beaufort Officer's Club.
2. Enlisted Club (Afterburners).
3. The Inns of the Corps, Beaufort (limited to the sale of single serving containers).
4. The Irby Inn (limited to the sale of single serving containers).
5. The Bowling Center lounge.

6. Areas designated by the CO, MCAS Beaufort for command entertainment or organized functions on an approved basis.

(d) Purchase of Packaged Alcoholic Beverages. Purchase of alcoholic beverages is authorized only for personal consumption and normal social occasions. Purchase for resale or promotion of business interests is not authorized.

(3) Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

(a) No person/member aboard MCAS Beaufort under 21 years of age shall consume or be in possession of alcoholic beverages, unless authorized per reference (b).

(b) No member of MCAS Beaufort shall consume (or be permitted to consume) any alcoholic beverages during working hours (0800 to 1630 at minimum) or while in a duty status, except as authorized below.

1. The consumption of beer or other malt beverage may be permitted at organized recreation activities as authorized by reference (b), and if approved by CO, MCAS Beaufort. Recreational activities must be approved by the Air Station CO, special staff section head, subordinate unit commander, or supervised by an officer who shall be responsible for the conduct of personnel attending and policing the activity area.

2. Alcohol consumption is authorized at official functions, provided the functions are conducted at approved times and locations as set forth in reference (b).

3. Per reference (b), to ensure age requirements and safe practices, alcoholic beverages shall not be made available for consumption at an event or facility that is unattended by trained servers.

4. Possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage during field or training exercises by any personnel aboard MCAS Beaufort is prohibited.

5. Possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage aboard a naval ship, craft, or aircraft is prohibited, except as authorized by the CO of the ship or craft.

6. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in BOQ, staff noncommissioned officer Bachelor Quarters and all other BEQ by military personnel of legal drinking age residing in such quarters is authorized. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in such quarters are limited to amounts consistent with personal use. All authorized personnel are expected to demonstrate maturity and responsibility in the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages. Commanders may revoke such authorization at any time; the power of revocation shall not be delegated.

7. The consumption, possession, and transportation of alcoholic beverages by all MCAS Beaufort personnel shall be in accordance with installation policies and state/country laws and regulations. Military personnel are subject to state/country laws and regulations upon leaving appointed duty station.

8. Transportation of alcoholic beverages in an opened container, in a motor vehicle, is authorized if transported in a compartment that is inaccessible to the driver and passengers of the vehicle. An open container is defined as any container, the seal of which has been broken, and/or the cap/tab/stopper has been removed, whether or not any of the contents therein have been removed.

9. MCAS Beaufort personnel shall be fit for duty at the start of duty hours. Alcohol shall not be consumed for any reason for a minimum of eight hours prior to assuming any official duties or a formal post (i.e. duty noncommissioned officer (DNCO), assistant duty noncommissioned officer (ADNCO), station duty officer, station duty clerk, etc.). The individual service member is responsible for ensuring they are in a fit for duty status, and if requested, must pass a breathalyzer test.

(4) Seizure and Disposition. Alcoholic beverages improperly possessed by any person aboard the Installation are subject to seizure. Such items, when removed from the possession of any person shall be tagged immediately with the name of the person or persons from whom taken (Time, date, place of seizure, and the names of any witnesses) and shall be placed in a secure location as evidence. At that time, appropriate disposition thereof shall be made.

(4) Visitation. Visitation of guests, 18 years of age or older, is authorized as directed by unit commanders and not to exceed the hours of 0800-2200 Monday through Thursday and 0800-2400 Friday through Sunday and during authorized holiday periods. Guests under the age of 18 are not authorized in the BEQ without prior approval from the unit commander. Visitors shall be signed in and out with the DNCO officer by their sponsor immediately upon arriving and departing the BEQ and shall be escorted by the sponsor at all times. The DNCOs shall verify that all guests have departed the BEQ at the completion of visiting hours. A logbook entry shall be made once this is complete.

c. Tasks. CO's are to ensure the following:

(1) Personnel within their unit are aware of the provisions of this Order, the importance of responsible use of alcoholic beverages, and the possible repercussions of violations.

(2) Appropriate recycling containers for proper disposition of used aluminum cans is provided. The recycling consolidation minimizing center can assist in obtaining additional appropriate containers.

5. Administration and Logistics. Tenant commands shall comply with the contents of this Order as far as it pertains to members of their command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all units aboard MCAS Beaufort.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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