AIR STATION ORDER 5530.16

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Subj: SECURITY AUGMENTATION FORCE

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(e) MCO 5500.6H
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(g) MCO 3574.2K
(h) MOA between II MEF CG and MCIEAST CG, Subject II MEF Force Protection Support to MCIEAST (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Security Augmentation Force Course of Instruction

1. Situation. This Order promulgates policy and guidance for the establishment, management, training, and employment of the Security Augmentation Force (SAF) aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort per the references.

2. Mission. In accordance with (IAW) references (a) and (b), MCAS Beaufort will establish, train, manage, and employ a SAF in order to augment the Provost Marshal’s Office (PMO).

3. Execution
   a. Commander’s Intent and Concept of Operations

      (1) Commander’s Intent. To promulgate policy and provide guidance necessary to organize the MCAS Beaufort SAF to meet security requirements exceeding the organic capabilities of the MCAS Beaufort PMO and other operations as directed.

      (2) Concept of Operations. MCAS Beaufort may require additional security forces during periods of elevated Force Protection Condition (FPCON), destructive weather, other emergency/increased threat situations, special events, or other instances as needed.

         (a) The MCAS Beaufort SAF is primarily used to augment MCAS Beaufort PMO during FPCON BRAVO, CHARLIE, and DELTA. However, this force may be tasked to conduct other security-related operations as directed by the Installation Commander.

         (b) The SAF will possess the capabilities to man posts required during FPCON BRAVO, CHARLIE, and DELTA and sustain these operations for a minimum of 30 days or until relief forces can be identified and deployed. Additionally, the MCAS Beaufort SAF will be sufficient in size to protect critical and mission-essential assets during increased FPCONs.

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b. Tasks

(1) Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (HQHQRON)

   (a) Establish SAF command and structure based on security requirements, the destructive weather plan, and any additional operational requirements.

   (b) Assign in writing the SAP Commander and Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (SNCOIC). Ensure all SAF members are from HQHQRON personnel. Marines in a Fleet Assistance Program (FAP) status will not be assigned to the SAF. At a minimum, 50 trained Marines will be assigned to SAF at all times.

   (c) Maintain operational control of the SAF when not activated and provide assistance to the SAF as necessary.

   (d) Provide administrative oversight of SAF members' training and ensure entries are submitted into Marine Corps Total Forces System (MCTFS) as required.

   (e) Coordinate SAF weapons and ammunition requirements with the PMO.

   (f) Review this Order annually and make recommendations based on changes to the threat and the installation's vulnerability and criticality.

   (g) Maintain coordination with SAF points of contact and establish SAF recall procedures.

   (h) Provide oversight of SAF use, validate requestors' requirements, and authorize deployment of the SAF via the Commanding Officer, MCAS Beaufort.

(2) Provost Marshal

   (a) Maintain operational control of SAF during the period of their activation, and notify the parent command/activity of the performance of their personnel and disciplinary action taken against their personnel.

   (b) Ensure all SAF posts and functions are aligned to requirements found in the Installation Antiterrorism Plan.

   (c) Identify, procure, maintain, account for, and issue required equipment unique to SAF employment. SAF members will be equipped IAW reference (b).

   (d) Establish criteria and procedures for nominee screening, selection, and assignment IAW selection criteria/requirements to ensure SAF parent commands provide qualified personnel to augment the SAF per reference (a). Marines shall have at least six months available time left on contract upon completion of SAF training.

   (e) Provide initial, proficiency, and recurring training for the SAF, and maintain training records IAW reference (a). Ensure SAF personnel have been properly trained in the use of force, per references (e) and (f),
and that they are qualified on the required weapons per references (a), (d), (e), and (g), prior to weapons issue. At a minimum, initial training will be conducted semi-annually.

(f) Assist the SAF Commander in establishing a quarterly watch schedule for SAF members. Ensure SAF members perform their assigned security duties for a minimum of one eight-hour shift per quarterly watch schedule.

(g) Ensure personnel assigned to the SAF fully participate during Installation annual exercises.

(h) Review this Order annually and make recommendations based on changes to the threat and the Installation’s vulnerability and criticality.

(3) SAF Commander

(a) Coordinate assignment of SAF personnel with the Commanding Officer, HQHQRON.

(b) Establish a quarterly watch schedule for SAF members. SAF members shall perform their assigned security duties for a minimum of one standard shift per quarterly watch schedule.

(c) Provide supervisory authority commensurate with rank and expertise within the SAF organization and establish a SAF chain of command.

(d) Monitor the number of available SAF personnel. Be prepared to assist the PMO with one squad within two hours of activation and a full standup within 24 hours.

(e) Maintain Marine Online (MOL) permissions to review and recommend annual leave, as well as review and update the daily status of personnel assigned to the SAF. This is to ensure that the command has adequate personnel to man the SAF if an incident should arise. The proper steps to approve leave for SAF members would be as follows: SAF member’s SNCOIC recommends leave and forwards to the SAF Commander for recommendation. After review, the SAF Commander provides a recommendation to the SAF Member’s Officer in Charge (OIC) for final approval.

(f) Upon the setting of Tropical Cyclone Condition III by Commanding Officer, MCAS Beaufort, place the SAF on full recall and provide a SAF representative for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

(g) Return personnel to their parent command/section when a member fails to meet initial assignment qualifications and inform Commanding Officer, HQHQRON to request a SAF member replacement.

(h) Review this Order annually and make recommendations based on changes to the threat and the Installation’s vulnerability and criticality.

(i) Maintain coordination with SAF members section leadership to ensure that SAF billets are correctly filled.

C. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Composition. Per reference (a) and (h), the SAF will be composed primarily of permanently assigned military personnel from HQHQRON and
secondarily from personnel assigned to Marine Corps and non-Marine Corps tenant commands that reside aboard MCAS Beaufort. The SAF shall be compromised of Staff Sergeants (or equivalent) and below personnel with a SAF Commander.

(2) Assignment. SAF personnel shall not be currently receiving treatment for mental health-related illnesses such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), shall have no drug or alcohol dependencies, shall have no felony-level convictions, and shall be in compliance with the Lautenberg Amendment (reference (c)). Any arrests and apprehensions for crimes identified in references (a), (c), (d), or (e), are automatically disqualifying and will remain so if the arrest or apprehension results in a felony-level conviction.

(a) Acceptance or rejection of a candidate will be the responsibility of the appointed SAF Commander. Any rejected candidate will be returned to his/her command or organization and the command will be notified of the reasons leading to disqualification. Additionally, HQHQRON will be requested to provide another nominee.

(b) To achieve maximum returns on training time invested and to field a qualified force, SAF members should be assigned for a minimum of six months. SAF members will be on-call during the period of their assignment as determined by the Commanding Officer, MCAS Beaufort. This will ensure the member receives initial training, quarterly watch assignments to gain familiarization and proficiency with each post, and the opportunity to participate in exercises. Consideration should be given to longer assignments whenever possible to retain experienced personnel, reduce requirements for training and firearms qualification/ammunition, and to reduce the requirement for equipment issue/reissue.

(3) Arming. SAF personnel performing security duties will be armed IAW references (a), (d), and (e). Type of arm(s) to be issued to the member will be dependent upon the arm designated as appropriate based upon MCAS Beaufort regulations.

(4) Security Conditions (SecCons): The Commanding Officer, MCAS Beaufort will evaluate and set SAF SecCons.

(a) SecCon V. Will be set for normal operations/threat conditions. This SecCon will require all personnel to conduct normal operational/readiness requirements outlined in this Order and its references.

(b) SecCon IV. Will require the immediate activation of the entire SAF within 24 hours, and a squad-size element within two hours. The SAF Commander will notify the SAF, place them on stand-by for a possible activation. The SAF Commander will conduct a full SAF notification every 12 hours for a situation update.

(c) SecCon III. Will require the immediate activation of the entire SAF within six hours, and a squad-size element within two hours. The SAF Commander will notify the SAF, place them on stand-by for a possible activation, and recall SAF personnel from leave/liberty as needed. The SAF Commander will conduct a full SAF notification every two hours for a situation update.
(d) SecCon II. Will require the immediate activation of the entire SAF within two hours. The SAF Commander will notify the SAF, place them on stand-by for a possible activation, and recall SAF personnel from leave/liberty as needed. The SAF Commander will conduct a full SAF notification every two hours for a situation update.

(e) SecCon I. Will require the immediate activation and response of the entire SAF.

4. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations for changes to this Order shall be submitted through the MCAS Beaufort Provost Marshal.

5. Command and Signal

(a) Command. This Order is applicable to MCAS Beaufort and its subordinate and tenant commands.

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

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