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I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD)

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### I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD) GENERAL ORDER 1A

From: Commanding General

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Ref: (a) U.S. Central Command, General Order 1B, of 13 Mar 06

(b) Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)

1. Purpose. To promote security, safety, health and welfare, as well as good order and discipline, by prohibiting certain conduct by personnel serving within the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) [I MEF (FWD)] Area of Operations (AO).

2. Cancellation. II MEF General Order 1A of 18 Jun 11.

3. Statement of Military Purpose and Necessity. Reference (a) prohibits certain conduct throughout the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR). The Armed Forces of the U.S. acknowledge and respect the laws and customs of the local citizens of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA). Prohibiting certain conduct of I MEF (FWD) personnel is essential to further developing the relationship between I MEF (FWD) and the citizens of GIROA. Furthermore, these restrictions are implemented in order to maintain good order and discipline and ensure a high level of readiness. Every single individual deployed within the I MEF (FWD) AO is absolutely essential. Losing personnel due to misconduct, injury, illness, disease or pregnancy erodes mission readiness.

#### 4. Policy

a. Applicability. In accordance with Article 2 of reference (b), this General Order applies to all U.S. military personnel assigned to I MEF (FWD). This General Order also applies to civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the Armed Forces of the U.S. present in the I MEF (FWD) AO or assigned to I MEF (FWD) units. I MEF (FWD) personnel are subject to this General Order during their transportation to and from the I MEF (FWD) AO. Additionally, this General Order applies to all U.S. military personnel and civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the Armed Forces of the U.S. who are present for duty in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan or the United Arab Emirates while subject to the operational control of the Commander, I MEF (FWD). Such duties include, but are not limited to, predeployment site surveys, leader's reconnaissance, advanced party deployments, limited duration deployments and temporary additional duty. The term "individual" when used in this order, refers to all military and civilian personnel listed in this paragraph.

b. Enforcement. The prohibitions listed in paragraph 4.c. constitute a lawful General Order and are punitive in nature. U.S. military personnel may face administrative action, nonjudicial punishment, or judicial action under their service regulations and the UCMJ for violations of this General Order.

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Civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the Armed Forces of the U.S. within the I MEF (FWD) AO who violate this order may face criminal prosecution or administrative action, to include debarment, termination of employment, and redeployment. International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) within the I MEF (FWD) AO who violate this order may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action in accordance with their national regulations.

c. Prohibited Activities

(1) Alcohol. Individuals are prohibited from introducing, possessing, selling, distributing, transferring, receiving, producing, manufacturing or consuming any alcoholic beverages. This prohibition includes those periods of time during the individual's transportation to and from the I MEF (FWD) AO. Included in this prohibition is the period of time during any layovers or stops prior to reaching the individual's final destination. Non-U.S. Coalition Forces and civilians authorized by their command to consume alcohol will only do so within their discrete camp areas and will not allow consumption to distract from mission accomplishment. Non-U.S. Coalition Forces and civilians are not authorized to introduce, sell, distribute, give, or transfer alcoholic beverages to U.S. military or civilian personnel.

(a) Redeployment Exception. Individuals 21 years old or older, in a redeployment status from Afghanistan at the Transit Center, Manas, Kyrgyzstan, or in a redeployment status on commercial airline flights, or in an airport or lodging where the purchase, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beer/malt-liquor is allowed, are authorized to purchase, possess, and consume a maximum of two 16 or 17 ounce (approximately 330 milliliters) cans/bottles/glasses of alcoholic beer/malt-liquor in a 24 hour period. An individual shall not consume more than two alcoholic beer/malt-liquor drinks in a 24 hour period. For the purposes of this paragraph, an individual must wait for 24 hours after consuming a second alcoholic beer/malt-liquor drink before the 24 hour period resets. The purchase, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beer/malt-liquor shall only occur in permissible areas established by vendors or Installation Commanders. This exception excludes, and thereby continues to prohibit, individuals from introducing, manufacturing, or consuming any hard alcoholic beverages (for example, bourbon, rum, tequila, and vodka) while assigned, attached, or subject to I MEF (FWD) or this General Order.

(2) Drugs. Individuals are prohibited from introducing, possessing, selling, distributing, receiving, transferring, manufacturing or using any chemical, product or substance with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, stupefaction of the central nervous system or to obtain an unnatural feeling or euphoria. Illicit substances specifically include, but are not limited to:

(a) Opium, heroin, cocaine, amphetamine, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), methamphetamine, phencyclidine, barbituric acid, marijuana, steroids and any compound or derivative of such substances;

(b) Inhalants (huffing), natural substances to include Salvia Divinorum, synthetic cannabinoids to include "Spice" or other synthetic derivatives;

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(c) Any substance not specified in paragraph 4.c.(2)(a) above that is listed on a schedule of controlled substances prescribed by the President of the United States; and,

(d) Any other substance not specified in paragraph 4.c.(2)(a) above or contained on a list prescribed by the President of the United States under paragraph 4.c.(2)(c) above that is listed in Schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (See 21 U.S.C. § 812).

(3) Drug Paraphernalia. Paraphernalia used to facilitate the manufacture or use of any substance in paragraph 4.c.(2) of this General Order is also prohibited. Therefore, the use of items intended or designed for (or the intentional misuse of items and products for) the purpose of cultivating, manufacturing, producing, distributing, distilling, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing controlled or prohibited substances into the human body is prohibited. Such prohibited items and products include, but are not limited to, paint products, glue, nitrous oxide, compressed air, chemical compounds, prescribed or over-the-counter medicines, pipes (smoking and tubular), glass tubing/bottles, cans, syringes, and other similar substances and objects. Items designed for, or otherwise used with the intent of, defeating urinalysis testing are also prohibited.

(4) Smoking. Smoking is limited to designated areas. Smoking is prohibited in tents, buildings, and all other areas not specifically marked to allow smoking. Experience has shown that this environment is one in which any fire can quickly grow and cause tremendous damage and injury. Smoking must be limited to the specific areas in which smoking is authorized.

(5) Firearms, Munitions, and Explosives. The purchase, possession, use, receipt, or sale of privately owned firearms, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, or the introduction of these items into the I MEF (FWD) AO is prohibited.

(6) Living Arrangements. Males and females will not reside in, sleep in or inhabit the living space of a member of the opposite gender while deployed in the I MEF (FWD) AO. There are no exceptions, regardless of military or civilian status, or marital status. Individuals of the opposite sex are allowed to enter each other's living quarters as long as the door or tent entrance remains open and visitation is conducted between hours of 0800 and 2200.

(7) Sexual Acts and Sexual Contact. Individuals will not engage in any sexual act or sexual contact with another individual, regardless of military or civilian status, or marital status, while deployed in the I MEF (FWD) AO. Sexual acts, sexual contact and sexual relations in a deployed environment negatively impact mission accomplishment, mission readiness, and manpower (e.g., sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy take individuals away from their forward duties). Consequently, losing any individual due to illness, disease, pregnancy, or misconduct erodes mission readiness.

(a) A "sexual act" is defined as any act that tends to excite lust or gratify the sexual desires of an individual with respect to sexual relations. Sexual acts may include, but are not limited to: vaginal, anal, or oral sex; digital penetration; an act that involves contact with another individual's genitalia, anus, or mouth; or, any other act which is intended to satisfy prurient thoughts and desires.

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(b) The term "sexual contact" means the intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, lips/mouth, or buttocks of another person, or intentionally causing another person to touch, either directly or through the clothing, the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, lips/mouth, or buttocks of any person with an intent to abuse, humiliate, or degrade any person or to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. The term "sexual contact" includes acts that are commonly referred to as grinding, petting, rubbing, kissing, groping, or acts which otherwise meet the definition of sexual act or sexual contact above.

(8) Pornography. The introduction, purchase, possession, transfer, sale, creation, or display of any pornographic or sexually explicit photographs, video tapes, compact discs (e.g., CDs, DVDs), movies, drawings, books, magazines or similar representation is prohibited.

(9) U.S. and Other Property

(a) U.S. military personnel are prohibited from giving U.S. civilians, foreign force members, third country nationals, or host nation civilians any property belonging to the U.S. Government such as Marine Corps Desert Digital Utilities, Army Combat Uniform (ACU) items, Desert Combat Uniform (DCU) items, insignia, Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), beverages, scrap wood, or other supplies or property that is identical to or bears a strong resemblance to property belonging to the U.S. Government unless specifically authorized by the Commanding General, I MEF (FWD).

(b) Individuals are prohibited from destroying, defacing, defiling, damaging, or tampering with property belonging to, leased by, controlled by, or utilized by the U.S. Government under service contracts (e.g. vehicles, tents, buildings, barriers, fences, living areas, living quarters, wireless access points, antennas, network equipment, switches, shower/hygiene areas/structures, and lavatories). Prohibited actions include, but are not limited to, unauthorized drawing and marking on such property, or otherwise displaying unauthorized posters, pictures, drawings, letters, or other indecent or obscene language or material on such property (e.g., graffiti is prohibited). Additionally, plugging computers or any other electronic device into wireless access points or equipment in or around living areas and using wireless signal boosters is prohibited.

(10) Proxy Web Servers. Proxy web servers are a computer network Internet service which allows clients to make indirect network connections to other network services. "Surfing" refers to the act of browsing and examining items of interest or materials that are located on the Internet. Users mask their "surfing" habits by going to a proxy web server to "surf" from that location, thereby circumventing the measures put in place to enforce DoD and USCENTCOM policy. Individuals are prohibited from using unauthorized proxy web servers to access web sites. Unauthorized proxy web servers are those proxy servers that are not located on the DoD network.

(11) Videotaping/Photographs

(a) Official photographs, videos, depictions and audio/visual recordings are those obtained on government and non-government equipment for official use and purposes. Unofficial photographs, videos, depictions and audio/visual recordings are those obtained on non-government equipment for

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personal use or purposes. Individuals shall seek permission from a commander before using non-government equipment for official photographs, videos, depictions and audio/visual recordings. Individuals making official photographs, videos, or audio/visual recordings shall, upon request, be required to surrender the digital memory card, device, film, tape or digital video disk (DVD) to their chain of command.

(b) The taking, making, possession, reproduction or transfer of the following unofficial photographs, videos, depictions and audio/visual recordings is prohibited:

1. detainees and former detainees; flight-line operations; improvised explosive devices or damage resulting from an improvised explosive device; casualty transfers; damaged or destroyed U.S. and ISAF/coalition equipment; combat operations, battle damage, and the execution of any concept of operation;

2. human casualties ("human casualties" are defined as dead, wounded or injured human beings, to include separated body parts, organs and biological material, resulting from either combat or noncombat activities);

3. the interior, underside or the ballistic hull showing any armor design of, or discloses the tactics, techniques, and procedures of, a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle or associate equipment; any government furnished equipment (such as communications equipment and electronic countermeasures); any vehicle performance testing results; and any depiction that violates or discloses operational security measures;

4. material or items the nature or substance of which is prejudicial to good order and discipline or brings discredit to the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Naval Service, the Department of Defense, or another military department.

(c) The prohibitions listed in paragraph 4.c.(11)(b) do not apply to the possession of such visual images acquired from open media sources (e.g., magazine and newspapers).

(d) O-5 commanders and above may approve unofficial photographing and videotaping at memorial services.

(e) Official use and purposes for taking photographs and videos of detainees and former detainees as well as human casualties are as follows:

1. For evidence collection in preparation for prosecution of detainees in the GIROA judicial system;

2. For military intelligence purposes;

3. For the purpose of tactical site exploitation;

4. For medical treatment purposes for detainees or former detainees with the patient providing informed written consent prior to medical photography;

5. Photographing and videotaping directed by commanders, Detention Facility Officers-In-Charge, military police, or medical personnel

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in order to protect I MEF (FWD) and Coalition Forces personnel against false allegations of detainee abuse;

6. Photographs and videos taken pursuant to the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN) or comparable Service regulations for formal administrative or claims investigations or inquiries;

7. Photographs and videos taken pursuant to criminal investigations; and,

8. For any other purpose that has the prior written approval of the Commanding General, I MEF (FWD), or the Commanding General of a major subordinate command (MSC).

(12) Uniforms/Military Equipment. Placing any military clothing, gear, or equipment in trash receptacles or dumpsters is prohibited. Unserviceable uniforms and military gear and equipment must be turned in to the individual's S-4, supply, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), or a collection point authorized by the Camp Commandant or Installation Commander.

(13) Culture, Religion, People and Property. Intentionally desecrating, damaging, or disrespecting the following is strictly prohibited: any religious items or symbols (regardless of the religion); the Qur'an or Koran; any Mosque; any Muslim shrine; and, any historical or cultural artifact, relic, or location. Because of the religious notations on the Afghan national flag, it is considered a religious item by Muslims and shall be treated as a religious item. Creating or reproducing an image or likeness of the Prophet Muhammad is prohibited. The term "disrespecting" includes actions or words that are abusive, cruel, indecent, reproachful, or detract from the significance, status, or position of a person or property. Individuals shall at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the Law of Armed Conflict, maintaining respect for human life and protecting the dignity of the dead.

(14) Cell Phones and other Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs). Individuals shall not use personal cell phones or other PEDs to connect to any cellular telephone network in Afghanistan. PEDs shall be maintained in "airplane mode" or equivalent status, and may be used to connect to authorized wireless access points. PEDs are not permitted in any work space or any other area where classified material is maintained or discussed. Possession of PEDs, other than cameras with the permission of the commander as discussed in paragraph 4.a.(11), is prohibited during the conduct of combat operations and the execution of any concept of operation.

(15) Tattoos and Brands. Because of the deployed environment, any activity that increases exposure to unsanitary conditions (e.g., cleanliness and sterilization of needles, blood borne pathogens like HIV and Hepatitis) can negatively impact mission accomplishment, mission readiness, and manpower. Therefore, individuals are prohibited from possessing tattoo guns or from creating a make-shift tattoo gun for the purposes of making marks or tattoos on one's skin. Individuals are prohibited from using any device to tattoo, brand, or mark the skin of another individual or themselves. Individuals are prohibited from receiving tattoos, brands, or markings on any area of the body from any individual while in Afghanistan.

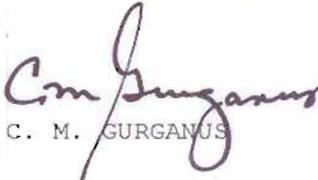
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d. Individual Duty. Due to the unique challenges inherent in providing military and civilian support to a Muslim nation, it is essential that all personnel remain focused at all times on the culture of the sovereign nation in which we operate and the religion of Islam. We must work in close cooperation with our coalition partners and Afghan National Security Forces. Accordingly, all persons, military and civilian, subject to this General Order are charged with the individual duty to become familiar with, and respect the laws, regulations and customs of Afghanistan insofar as they do not interfere with the execution of their official duties. Acts of disrespect or violations of Afghan law, regulations, or customs may be punished under applicable criminal statutes, Executive Orders, Service regulations, and administrative regulations.

e. Subordinate Commander and Supervisor Responsibility. Commanders, leaders, and civilian supervisors are charged with ensuring that all personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this General Order. Commanders and supervisors may further restrict their personnel as they deem necessary. Commanders and supervisors are expected to exercise good judgment in the enforcement and reinforcement of this General Order.

f. Confiscation of Prohibited Items. Items prohibited by this General Order may be seized by command or law enforcement authorities. Military customs and other officials (e.g., U.S. Customs and Border Protection) shall enforce this General Order during the inspections of military and civilian personnel prior to their departure from the I MEF (FWD) AO.

5. Effective Date. This General Order is effective on the date it is signed.

  
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