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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTION 1500.1M

Subj: COMPANY WARDROOM PROGRAM

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDNINST 5400.6P
(b) COMDTMIDNINST 7041.1H

Encl: (1) Relief Procedures for Wardroom Representatives
(2) Sponsorship Program

1. Purpose. To issue regulations concerning the administration of company wardrooms.

2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 1500.1L

3. Information. Wardroom spaces have been established in each Company Area for social, professional and academic purposes. Funds for furnishing and maintaining these spaces are obtained from donations by sponsoring Alumni, wardroom dues, and other contributions by individual or group donations.

4. Discussion

a. Company wardrooms are provided primarily for First Class Midshipmen as a meeting and recreational space. Social usage may be extended to underclass per reference (a); however, the responsibilities for care, maintenance, and discipline within the wardroom remain with the First Class at all times.

b. Wardrooms are high-usage spaces which require all users to actively promote upkeep. When used for professional training, the senior Midshipmen of the group will ensure the wardroom is cared for while training is being conducted and is clean upon departure of the group.

c. Since appropriated funds are unavailable for furniture purchase or repair, the need for continual care and rapid repair of any damage cannot be over-emphasized. Repair of furniture damage is the responsibility of the wardroom users.

d. Major repairs or renovations must be approved in writing by the Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant.

e. As public spaces, company wardrooms must present the highest standards of cleanliness and appearance at all times; Company Commanders are to ensure necessary steps are taken to maintain this appearance and condition. Company wardrooms will be inspected regularly and will be closed for use in the event the space is in an untidy or unsanitary condition. Once closed, the wardroom will not be reopened for use until approved by the Company Officer.

5. Coffee Mess. One coffee mess per company may be established for the use of wardroom members. It will be located in the company wardroom or as designated by the Company Officer. Only coffee, tea, hot chocolate, hot cider, instant soup, popcorn, and items prepared by microwave will be prepared in the mess. Operation of toasters, grills, or other equipment used in the preparation of any food is prohibited.

6. Administration of Wardrooms

a. The basic administration of each wardroom is the responsibility of the Company Commander, who will appoint a First Class Midshipman to serve as the Wardroom Representative, subject to approval of the Company Officer.

(1) The Wardroom Representative may establish policies for use and maintenance of the company wardroom in accordance with reference (a). Such policies and procedures must be promulgated within the Company and shall be maintained in writing in the wardroom (either posted or in a binder). The policies and regulations shall be endorsed by the Company Commander and shall carry the force of orders issued by the Company Commander.

(2) Funds provided by a sponsoring alumnus or class shall be donated through the USNA Comptroller's Gift Fund Division. Gifts properly accepted by the Superintendent will be forwarded to the MWF for issue in accordance with the procedures provided for by reference (b). Sponsor account funds must be used only to acquire furniture, decorations, and other permanent accessions to the wardroom. Such acquisitions may be made at any time but each acquisition must be approved by the Company Officer for good taste and by the Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant for compliance with fire and building codes.

(3) Dues may be collected from wardroom members; however, it is specifically prohibited to collect dues or assess a person who does not use the wardroom. Dues and other transitory funds (such as coffee, soft drink, and food) will be turned in to the Midshipmen Welfare Fund Office per reference (b). These funds will be maintained in a general account and may be used to buy consumable supplies for the operation of the coffee or soft drink messes, and to purchase permanent furniture or decorations for the wardrooms.

In the case of the acquisition of permanent items, these items become the property of the wardroom and shall remain therein after purchase.

(4) Enclosure (1) will be used any time the Wardroom Representative is relieved. The Company Wardroom Representative shall be relieved prior to 5 May and 5 December each year and is responsible for the Wardroom Inventory Report Form.

(5) The Company Commander must check with the Midshipmen Activities Officer if the company has a sponsoring alumni class and ensure communication with them is maintained per enclosure (2).

(6) Television sets, DVD players, video game consoles, surround sound systems or any other piece of entertainment equipment in company wardrooms are not supported by appropriated funds. Each wardroom is responsible for the replacement and repair of its TV, DVD player, video game console, etc. If a piece of entertainment equipment is determined to be beyond repair, the company wardroom is advised to purchase a replacement. Company wardrooms should build up their accounts through assessments and alumni contributions in anticipation of entertainment equipment replacement.

b. The following items are prohibited in company wardrooms:

(1) Food requiring preparation except popcorn, coffee, hot chocolate, hot cider, instant soup, tea, and items to be prepared in microwave ovens.

(2) Hot plates, toasters, blenders or other similar food processing equipment.

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(3) Vending machines.

(4) Shag Rugs.

(5) Pictures, photos, or paintings of an inappropriate nature (as determined by the Company Officer).

c. Company Officers shall:

(1) Approve expenditures per the provisions of this instruction and reference (b).

(2) Approve the requests for procurement, installation and use of refrigerators, coffee makers, ice makers and microwave ovens per the provisions of this instruction.

(3) Inspect and supervise coffee messes.

(4) Act as approving authority for survey requests originated by the Wardroom Representative and ensure prompt removal of surveyed items from Bancroft Hall.

(5) Maintain a file of records and communications to ensure continuity of information in regards to the wardroom.

(6) Ensure that the Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant approves all major repairs or renovations to wardrooms for compliance with fire and building codes.

d. Operations and Midshipmen Activities Officers. The Commandant of Midshipmen Operations Officer and Midshipmen Activities Officer will conduct an annual review of this program and prepare proposals for program improvement for Commandant review and approval.

e. Midshipmen Welfare Fund Office. The MWF Office will be the custodian of the program's funds (including midshipmen dues), shall deposit all contributions in the MWF's Checking Account and maintain a separate ledger for each company. The MWF Office shall:

(1) Maintain on file for three years, all Wardroom Representative Letters of Relief and financial statements for each company.

(2) Make disbursements per reference (b).

7. Review Responsibility. The Commandant's Operations Officer is responsible for the annual review of this instruction.


C. A. CARROLL
By direction

Copy to:
Non-Mids (Electronically)

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RELIEF PROCEDURES FOR WARDROOM REPRESENTATIVES

Tab: (A) Wardroom Inventory Report Form
(B) End of Year/Semester Turnover Report
(C) Sample Letter of Relief

The procedures for effecting relief of the Wardroom Representative are as follows:

1. The incumbent Company Commander and Wardroom Representative shall thoroughly brief their reliefs on the operations and policies of the wardroom, and any projects or business transactions undertaken, but not yet completed.
2. The relieving Company Commander, Wardroom Representative, incumbent Company Commander and incumbent Wardroom Representative will conduct a joint inventory and material inspection (Tab A). A copy of Tab A will be forwarded to the Company Officer, the incumbent Wardroom Representative, Midshipmen Activities Officer and Midshipmen Welfare Fund Office.
3. The incumbent Wardroom Representative will complete Tab B and forward to the Company Officer, Wardroom Representative, Midshipmen Activities Officer and the Midshipmen Welfare Fund Office. The incumbent Wardroom Representative shall also keep a copy of Tab B.
4. Tab C will be prepared by the relieving Company Commander and Wardroom Representative and forwarded to the Company Officer, incumbent Wardroom Representative, Midshipmen Activities Officer, and the Midshipmen Welfare Fund Office. Copies of the inventory and the financial report are to be attached to the letter.
5. The relieving Wardroom Representative shall deposit all cash funds on hand in the Midshipmen Welfare Fund prior to graduation day each year.

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END OF YEAR/SEMESTER TURNOVER REPORT

From: Wardroom, _____ (Activity Name)
To: Commandant of Midshipmen
Via: (1) Company officer
(2) MWF Office
(3) Midshipmen Activities Officer

Subj: END OF YEAR/SEMESTER TURNOVER REPORT

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDNINST 1500.1M

Encl: (1) Midshipmen Welfare Inventory Report
(2) Wardroom Rep's turnover letter
(3) List of members authorized summer access to wardroom spaces (omit if not applicable)

1. All wardroom equipment, as listed at enclosure (1), has been personally sighted and all inventory lists are current. Discrepancies are/are not noted and have/have not been corrected.

2. Cash Balance for General Account* as of _____ is \$ _____ per Treasurer _____. Cash Balance for Sponsor Account* as of _____ is \$ _____ per Treasurer _____.

3. In the past semester, the _____ has

_____ (BRIEF description of your wardroom activities during the past year. Include Wardroom renovations and major purchases.)

4. The Outgoing Treasurer is _____.

5. The Incoming Treasurer will be _____.

Very respectfully,

Signature
Printed Name

* A copy of the Excel ledger should be attached.

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SAMPLE LETTER OF RELIEF

Date

From: Midshipman __/C _____, USN, (Alpha Number)
To: _____ Company Officer

Subj: RELIEF AS _____ COMPANY WARDROOM REPRESENTATIVE

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDNINST 1500.1M

1. I have, on this date, relieved Midshipman __/C _____, USN, (Alpha Number), as Wardroom Representative of the _____ Company Wardroom in accordance with reference (a). A copy of the inventory and financial reports are attached.

2. Projects or transactions undertaken, but not yet completed, are as follows:

a. (List individually)

b.

OR

2. There is presently no unfinished business.

Very respectfully,

Signature

Copy to:
Midshipman (who has been relieved)
Midshipmen Welfare Fund Office

Tab (C)

Enclosure (1)

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SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Tab: (A) Sample Letter to Sponsoring Class

1. Company wardrooms are sponsored by classes of Naval Academy Alumni. Initially, alumni were informed through the Alumni Association of the formation of company wardrooms and were requested to sponsor a company of their choice. A great number of the classes responded favorably to the request and donations to the selected company wardrooms were made.
2. The class sponsors are very interested in wardroom management, operation; conditions and financial status. To keep the sponsors informed and to ensure continued interest, an information and reporting program will be vigorously pursued. Each year in September, a letter will be prepared by the Wardroom Representative, approved by the Company Officer, and forwarded to the president of the sponsoring class. This letter should include, but is not limited to, information regarding procurement and projects completed since the last report, projects undertaken and not yet completed, and future plans and resource requirements. Under no circumstances should this letter be permitted to become stereotyped or unimaginative. A sample letter is provided (Tab A).
3. In addition to the formal correspondence, personal contact between the sponsored company and the members of the sponsoring class is possible at times such as Homecoming Weekend and Commissioning Week when it is possible for the company to host coffee for their sponsors. Further, there are often are members of the sponsoring class residing in the Annapolis area who may desire to become involved in wardroom activities (e.g., Dining-Ins/Dining-Outs). The opportunity for the sponsors to become personally involved with wardroom projects builds rapport and a lasting bond between the sponsoring class and the company.
4. A list of wardroom class sponsors is available in the Midshipmen Morale Fund Office.

Enclosure (2)

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SAMPLE LETTER TO SPONSORING CLASS

Date

Dear _____,

On behalf of the _____ Company, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous gift of \$_____ from the Class of _____.

With your contribution, the Wardroom members bought lumber and paneling for the wardroom. The construction was completed by the First Class Midshipmen, resulting in a paneled wardroom with a very large bookcase and television platform on top of it.

I would like to invite you and your classmates to visit our wardroom anytime you are in Annapolis so you might see the accomplishments made through your generosity. We especially look forward to meeting some of the Class of _____ next Homecoming.

We have several projects to complete within the coming year which will improve the habitability and atmosphere of the wardroom. It is presently planned to purchase wall plaques, a carpet, and one additional lounge chair in order to complete our renovation. The cost of these items amounts to \$_____.

It is anticipated that funds will be needed for upkeep and occasional replacement of unserviceable equipment. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated by the _____ Company.

Very respectfully,

Signature

Tab (A)

Enclosure (2)