COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTION 1050.2A

From: Commandant of Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: OVERSEAS LEAVE/LIBERTY POLICY

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDINST 5400.6U
     (b) COMDTMIDINST 1610.2H
     (c) COMDTMIDINST 1020.3C
     (d) OPNAVINST 1700.16B
     (e) COMDTMIDINST 4653.1Q

1. Purpose
   
   a. To issue guidance for leave and liberty while overseas per references (a) through (e). Midshipmen are reminded this directive supplements the provisions of reference (a), and midshipmen will comply with the provisions set forth in Midshipmen Regulations regardless of leave/liberty status.

   b. Refer to references (a) through (e) for any instance or circumstance not specifically covered by this directive. In cases where an individual’s status or circumstance either deviates from or is not included in this instruction, a special request chit should be routed via the chain of command to the appropriate approving authority.

   c. This directive supplements but does not supersede Fleet or combatant area commander/local embassy defense attaché guidance. In all instances, the more restrictive policy shall be followed.

2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDINST 1050.2.

3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to all midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy comprising the Brigade of Midshipmen

4. Liberty

   a. The U.S. Naval Academy affords midshipmen many opportunities for travel abroad through summer cruises, Study Abroad Programs, Movement Orders (MO), and other International Programs. The goal of these programs is not only to enhance the development of midshipmen, but to promote good relations with other nations and cultures. As such, liberty should be treated as a mission in support of this goal and planned accordingly.
b. The buddy system shall be utilized at all times while on liberty overseas.

c. Officer and Faculty Representatives are the direct representatives of the Commandant of Midshipmen. Officer and Faculty Representatives will provide liberty boundaries, curfews, and accountability procedures for participating midshipmen.

d. When attached to a Fleet unit without a Midshipman Liaison Officer from the U.S. Naval Academy present, midshipmen will abide by liberty boundaries, curfews, and accountability procedures established by the unit’s commanding officer.

e. When participating in an international program disassociated with the military and where an Officer or Faculty Representative is not present, midshipmen shall gain approval of proposed liberty boundaries, curfews and accountability procedures from the International Programs Director. These procedures shall be in line with local embassy policies provided by the defense attaché.

5. Leave

a. Midshipmen in a leave status overseas shall utilize the buddy system at all times.

b. Reference (a) lists required administrative actions prior to Overseas Continental United States (OCONUS) leave. Midshipmen are responsible for understanding and following Antiterrorism/Force Protection requirements in their desired leave locations.

c. All midshipmen on leave are required to carry a valid military identification card. Midshipmen may print out an approved copy of their leave in Midshipmen Information System.

d. Prior to departing, midshipmen shall understand and abide by all leave/liberty policies set forth by the combatant area commander of the geographic region they are traveling to.

e. Additional OCONUS leave guidance and specific requirements during annual leave periods will be supplemented through Commandant of Midshipmen notices.

6. Alcohol

a. When consuming alcohol overseas, one member of each liberty group shall be designated as a non-drinker. The non-drinker shall not have consumed alcohol within 12 hours of liberty and be free from the effects of alcohol.

b. For the purposes of non-drinker designation, a liberty group is defined as no less than two and a maximum of five personnel. Liberty groups shall have one non-drinker per every four members consuming alcohol.

c. Per reference (d), the drinking age overseas will conform to the legal age set by the host country. In the absence of any local law, the minimum drinking age shall be 21 years old.
d. Unless otherwise directed by the Commandant of Midshipmen, consumption of alcoholic beverages on MOs remains at the discretion of the Officer and/or Faculty Representatives.

7. Midshipmen Uniforms and Grooming Standards

a. All midshipmen may wear civilian clothes while on authorized leave away from the U.S. Naval Academy.

b. Midshipmen on liberty overseas shall adhere to the liberty attire guidelines provided by their Officer/Faculty Representative or the commanding officer/team lead for their respective programs.

c. At all times, midshipmen shall uphold grooming standards as outlined in references (a) and (c), to include proper hair-cuts and clean-shaven.

8. Routing Procedures

a. As a supplement to reference (a), midshipmen requesting OCONUS leave will submit a package with hard copies of the following supporting documents in a standard blue folder:

(1) Antiterrorism training certificates.

(2) U.S. Naval Academy Individual Antiterrorism Plan (IATP).

(3) SOUTHCOM IATP. (as applicable)

(4) INDO-PACIFIC IATP. (as applicable)

(5) Leave checklist.

(6) Hard copy leave chit with liberty/leave buddy clearly identified.

b. Midshipmen leave packages must be reviewed by the Midshipmen Personnel Office and Brigade Medical Unit prior to routing to the Brigade Antiterrorism Officer (ATO).

c. Midshipmen leave packages must be placed in their Company Officer’s inbox for their assigned Brigade ATO’s review.

d. Midshipmen leave to AFRICOM, SOUTHCOM, or CENTCOM’s area of responsibly must have their Battalion Officer’s review prior to routing to the Brigade ATO.

e. Midshipmen requesting leave to restricted areas will require a recommendation from their Battalion Officer prior to the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen, Commandant of Midshipmen, or Superintendent’s review.
f. The Brigade ATO will email the midshipmen when the midshipmen’s leave package is complete and ready for pick up.

9. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the Operations Department will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire 5 years after effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 5-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.

10. Record Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes (SSIC) 1000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DON/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local records manager or the DON/AA DRMD program office.

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