From: Commandant of Midshipmen

Subj: OVERSEAS LEAVE/LIBERTY POLICY

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDNINST 5400.6R
     (b) COMDTMIDNINST 1610.2F
     (c) COMDTMIDNINST 1020.3B
     (d) OPNAVINST 1700.16A
     (e) COMDTMIDNINST 4653.1N

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) (MIDREGS), and Midshipmen will comply with the provisions set forth in MIDREGS 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. Liberty

   a. The Naval Academy affords Midshipmen many opportunities for travel abroad through summer cruises, study abroad programs, movement orders, 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. 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 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.

3. 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 OCONUS leave. Midshipmen are responsible for understanding and following AT/FP 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 MIDS.

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.

4. 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 2 and a maximum of 5 personnel. Liberty groups shall have 1 non-drinker per every 4 members consuming alcohol.

c. In accordance with 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. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited while on a movement order, unless groups are granted permission by the Commandant via Special Request in accordance with reference (e).
5. Midshipmen Uniforms and Grooming Standards
   
a. All Midshipmen may wear civilian clothes while on authorized leave away from the 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.

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