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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1C (GO-1C)*

TITLE: Prohibited Activities for U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Personnel Present Within the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR).

PURPOSE: To identify and regulate conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and discipline of forces in the USCENTCOM AOR (as defined in FM 1-02, page 1-12).

AUTHORITY: Title 10, U.S. Code (U.S.C.) §164(c); and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C., §§801-940.

APPLICABILITY: This General Order (hereinafter, Order) applies to all U.S. Armed Forces (as defined in 10 U.S.C. §101), DOD employee (as defined by 5 U.S.C. §2105), and contingency contractor personnel (as defined by DOD Instruction (DODI) 3020.41), present in the USCENTCOM AOR. This Order does not apply to personnel assigned to other Executive Departments or agencies (as defined in 18 U.S.C. §6 and 5 U.S.C. §101) (e.g., personnel assigned to Defense Attaché Offices or U.S. Marine Corps Security Detachments), with the exception of personnel assigned to Security Cooperation Offices (SCO) and Security Assistance Offices (SAO) who remain subject to this Order. The definition of the term "Service members" as used in this Order is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces to include members of the National Guard or Reserve Component. The term "DOD civilians" includes DOD employees and contingency contractor personnel.

1. **STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY:** Current operations and deployments place Service members and DOD civilians in USCENTCOM AOR countries whose local laws and customs may prohibit or restrict various activities, which are generally permissible in Western societies. Adhering to restrictions upon such activities is essential to preserve United States and host-nation relations, ensure the success of combined operations between U.S. and friendly forces, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of members of the U.S. and friendly forces. In addition, the high operational tempo combined with often-hazardous duty faced by Service members and DOD civilians in the region makes it prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline and ensure optimal force readiness.

* This General Order supersedes General Order Number 1B, dated 13 March 2006 (*see* Paragraph 7)

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2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

a. Alcohol.

(1) This Order prohibits the actual or attempted importation, introduction, exportation, possession, purchase, sale, resale, distribution, transfer, manufacture, or consumption of any alcoholic beverage or alcohol-containing substance within the countries of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq. The terms “alcoholic beverage” or “alcohol-containing substance” are defined as items containing more than .5% alcohol by volume; however, this Order prohibits beverages or substances non-commercially distilled, fermented, or otherwise manufactured producing any alcohol content. Alcoholic beverages do not include near beer or non-alcoholic sparkling wine offered at dining facilities; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) facilities; or sold at exchange activities (Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), Navy Exchange (NEX), or Marine Corps Exchange (MCX)). Items with alcohol content such as over-the-counter medications, hand sanitizers, and oral products (mouthwash, Carmex, Orajel, etc.) are exempt from this prohibition, providing these items are not used as intoxicants.

(2) The following are exceptions to the prohibitions of paragraph 2(a)(1):

(a) As an exceptional matter to recognize special holidays, occasions, or events, the Commander, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, within the Combined Joint Operations Area Afghanistan (CJOA), has non-delegable authority to grant written, event-specific, waivers to paragraph 2(a)(1), for personnel subject to this Order. The Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), within the CJOA, has non-delegable authority to grant waivers to paragraph 2(a)(1), for U.S. Service members and DOD civilians assigned to purely North American Treaty Organization billets (i.e., Headquarters, ISAF).

(b) SCO Chiefs in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Iraq only, in coordination and with the concurrence of the Chief of Mission, have non-delegable authority to issue directives authorizing personnel assigned to the SCO to possess and consume alcoholic beverages. These SCO Chiefs will forward such directives to the USCENTCOM, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (CCJA). These SCO Chiefs also have non-delegable authority to grant written, event-specific, waivers to paragraph 2(a)(1), in advance, for service members and DOD civilians subject to this Order to consume alcoholic beverages for official SCO events, or as official guests in the homes of Security Assistance Personnel, U.S. Embassy personnel, or host-nation officials.

(c) Exchange activities may import, introduce, export, possess, sell, and transfer alcoholic beverages only to Department of State (DOS) personnel and DOS contractors in Iraq at the following locations where The Exchange operates retail activities: the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad (Chancery compound), Basrah, and Sather. The Exchange will ensure proper use, storage, and control of alcoholic beverages possessed under this exception. This exception does not authorize The Exchange personnel or contractors to consume alcoholic beverages, nor does it authorize the introduction, possession, sale, resale, distribution, or transfer of alcohol to personnel not authorized to possess or consume alcohol.

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(d) Subject to the written approval of senior U.S. Military commanders upon consideration of host-nation laws and customs, Military Chaplains may obtain, possess, and securely store alcohol, such as wine, obtained through official military supply channels, and use such alcohol during recognized religious services in which alcohol is a necessary component of the religious service. Service members and DOD civilians subject to this Order may consume alcohol only when participating in religious services where alcohol is a necessary component of the religious service, provided a Military Chaplain directly performs, authorizes, and supervises any alcohol consumption. This Order prohibits the introduction, possession, sale, resale, distribution, transfer, or consumption of alcohol used in religious services to otherwise unauthorized personnel.

(3) Regardless of any exception listed in paragraph 2(a)(2)(a-d), or any properly authorized temporary waiver to paragraph 2(a)(1), and in all other USCENTCOM countries, all Service members and DOD civilians will conform to their respective Service or organizational component leadership restrictions on alcohol, and maintain appropriate behavior by respecting host-nation laws and customs. To maintain good order and discipline, ensure optimal force readiness, and protect U.S. and friendly forces in all locations where this Order does not prohibit alcohol or where I have granted an exception, I direct all officials, commanders, and senior leaders to exercise discretion and good judgment in promulgating and enforcing appropriate guidelines and restrictions, and specifically ensure all personnel subject to this Order receive express guidance on the appropriate and responsible alcohol or alcoholic beverage use and limits. Guidelines should recognize that in some countries alcohol consumption may be legal within certain facilities (e.g., hotels) but that persons, upon any consumption of alcohol, may be presumed under host-nation laws to be under the influence upon leaving the facility or upon operating a motor vehicle (e.g., Qatar, United Arab Emirates). Officials, commanders, and senior leaders should regularly review alcohol consumption guidelines and restrictions to ensure the policies are commensurate with current or reasonably foreseeable operations, threats, and host-nation laws.

(4) Any listed exceptions or subsequent waivers to paragraph 2(a)(1) do not authorize the importation, introduction, exportation, possession, purchase, sale, resale, distribution, transfer, manufacture, or consumption of alcohol by personnel not expressly authorized by the exception or waiver. Personnel subject to this Order who may be unclear if a listed exception or waiver applies to them should seek express authorization in advance from their leadership, and not presume an exception or waiver applies.

b. Controlled Substances and Drug Paraphernalia. This Order prohibits the actual or attempted importation, introduction, exportation, possession, purchase, sale, resale, distribution, transfer, manufacture, use, or consumption of any controlled substances. This Order further prohibits the use of any chemical, product, or substance with the purpose or intent of obtaining an altered state of mind (e.g., psychoactive changes in perception, mood, cognition, behavior, decreased motor function, loss of concentration, and impaired short-term memory), an unnatural feeling of euphoria, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, including, but not limited to, substances known as or similar to: synthetic cannabis or synthetic cannabinoids (Spice), substituted cathinones (bath salts or Khat), Phenethylamine (Smiles or 2C-drug family), Salvia Divinorum, Mitragyna Speciosa, Korth, Armanita Muscaria mushrooms, Nymphaea Caerulea, Convolvulaceae Argyreia Nervosa, Lysergic Acid Amide, Datura, 5-Methoxy-dimethyltryptamine,

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nitrous oxide, misused over-the-counter medication, paint products, glue, canned air, or other similar items.

(1) This Order prohibits the importation, introduction, export, possession, purchase, use, sale, resale, distribution, transfer, or manufacture of drug paraphernalia (*see definition*, 21 U.S.C. §863). Personnel subject to this Order may purchase and possess souvenir items from Exchange activities or MWR outlets (i.e., on-post bazaars) such as hookah pipes, but such pipes are only for smoking tobacco products.

(2) This controlled substances and drug paraphernalia provision does not include lawfully prescribed controlled substances, medications, or medical devices, provided such substances, medications, or medical devices are used in a manner consistent with their intended medical purpose and the prescribing physician's instructions. The original prescription label must accompany all prescribed medication, especially when traveling, identifying the prescribing medical facility or authority. Additionally, the prohibitions of paragraph 2(b) do not apply to tobacco products, caffeine, or sugar, nor traditional bath or Epsom salt products.

(3) Service members and DOD civilians are subject to probable cause, competence for duty, limited inspection, and limited drug testing when a Commander, in consultation with their supporting Judge Advocate, determines a violation of paragraph 2(a) or (b) or when probable cause exists to warrant an inspection or test.

c. Currency. This Order prohibits the selling, bartering, or exchanging of any currency other than at the official host-nation exchange rate.

d. Firearms. This Order prohibits the importation, introduction, exportation, possession, purchase, sale, resale, transfer, manufacture, or use of privately owned firearms, ammunition, or explosives. This prohibition encompasses items acquired by means other than through official military issue. This Order permits the purchase of souvenir or antique firearms (as defined in 18 U.S.C. §921(a)(16)), determined on the purchase date) obtained at Exchange activities or MWR outlets (i.e., on-post bazaars), but these firearms cannot be fired or used in theater; removing these items from theater is subject to applicable U.S. Customs and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms laws and regulations.

e. Gambling. This Order prohibits gambling of any kind, including sports pools, lotteries, and raffles, unless permitted by applicable service regulations and host-nation laws. MWR sponsored card games and other games of chance are permissible subject to the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER) and service regulations.

f. National Treasures. This Order prohibits removing, possessing, selling, defacing, destroying, or defiling archeological artifacts or national treasures. The term, "defiling" includes actions that are indecent, reproachful, or detract from the significance, status, or position of a national treasure.

g. Pets. This Order prohibits adopting as pets or mascots of any kind, caring for, or feeding any type of domestic or wild animal due to elevated zoonotic disease risk (e.g., rabies) in many USCENTCOM AOR countries. This prohibition does not apply in those USCENTCOM AOR

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countries where Service members and DOD civilians live off military installations and the Component Commander, Joint Task Force Commander, or Unit Chief issues a written policy permitting domestic pets, providing all personnel comply with the local command policy.

h. Photography and Videotaping.

(1) Except as authorized for official use and purposes described below, this Order prohibits the taking, making, possession, reproduction, or transfer (to include uploading) of photographs, videos, depictions, and audio-visual recordings of the following:

(a) detainees or former detainees; detention facilities; active combat operations (e.g., firefights); flight-line operations or equipment, subject to written, local exceptions; improvised explosive devices or damage resulting from an improvised explosive device; casualty transfers; damaged or destroyed ISAF, coalition, or U.S. equipment; or battle damage;

(b) human casualties, defined as deceased, wounded, or injured human beings, to include separated body parts, organs, and biological material, resulting from either combat or noncombat activities; however, this Order does not prohibit taking or possessing photographs of wounded personnel while in a medical facility and during periods of recovery, only with the patient's express consent;

(c) the interior, underside, or the ballistic hull showing any armor design, or disclosure of the tactics, techniques, and procedures of a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle or associated equipment; any classified or cryptographic communications equipment; electronic countermeasure (jamming) equipment; any vehicle or aircraft performance testing results; and any depiction violating or disclosing operational security measures (such as position access points, gates, guard towers or locations, checkpoints, or any other security measures); or,

(d) any photographic or video image, depiction, or audio-visual recording, however obtained, the nature, substance, or release of which, under the circumstances, is prejudicial to good order and discipline or brings discredit to the service. Personnel subject to this Order will consult their supervisory chain of command with questions concerning paragraph 2(h) before potentially engaging in any prohibited conduct.

(2) Subject to paragraph 2(h)(1)(d), the prohibitions listed in paragraph 2(h)(1)(a-c) do not apply to the possession of photographic or video images acquired solely from open media sources (e.g., possessing print or online images from recognized magazines and newspapers); possession of open media sources images are subject to applicable copyright protections or notices. This Order does not prohibit possession and distribution of open media source images if required for official duties (e.g., official briefings, investigations, or Public Affairs personnel).

(3) Official use and purposes for taking photographs or videos include:

- (a) evidence collection in preparation for prosecution;
- (b) military intelligence purposes;

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(c) tactical site exploitation;

(d) medical treatment;

(e) photographing or videotaping directed by commanders, Detention Facility Officers-In-Charge, Military Police, or medical personnel in order to document and protect USCENTCOM and Coalition Forces personnel against false allegations of detainee abuse;

(f) properly appointed administrative or claims investigations or inquiries;

(g) criminal investigations; or

(h) other official purposes specifically relating to operational requirements (e.g., command briefings, Combat Camera).

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

(5) Before using non-government equipment for official photographs, videos, depictions, and audio-visual recordings, individuals must obtain the non-delegable approval from a commander in the grade of O-5 or higher.

i. Pornography. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, and in keeping with the customs of the countries within the USCENTCOM AOR, this Order prohibits the actual or attempted importation, introduction, exportation, possession, purchase, sale, resale, distribution, transfer, manufacture, use, or display of any pornographic or sexually explicit picture, photograph, video, streaming media, film, DVD, movie, audio recording, drawing, book, magazine, digital or computer image made by any means, visual depiction, or anime containing such images or similar representations (collectively, images).

(1) For purposes of this order, "pornographic" and "sexually explicit" mean any images, the theme of which is the graphic, obscene, lascivious, or lustful depiction or portrayal of sexual organs, a woman's breast or breasts, and includes sexual intercourse, sodomy, or sexual excretory activities.

(2) The prohibitions contained in subparagraph 2(i) shall not apply to Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) broadcasts or commercial picture, photograph, video, streaming media, film, DVD, movie, audio recording, drawing, book, magazine, or other media sold, distributed, or displayed through Exchange activities, or MWR outlets (i.e., Red Cross or on-post bazaars) located within the USCENTCOM AOR, or to the same material purchased or obtained through other comparable commercial outlets (e.g., iTunes, Netflix, but not pornographic outlets).

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(3) The prohibitions of paragraph 2(i) shall not apply within those areas exclusively under the jurisdiction of the United States, such as aboard U.S. Government vessels and aircraft, which shall remain subject to service regulations.

j. Property. This Order prohibits taking or retaining public or private property belonging to an enemy or former enemy, except, private or public property may be seized or temporarily retained during operations only on order of a Commander when based on military necessity. Private property will be collected, inventoried, processed, secured, and stored for later return to the lawful owner. Contraband property or public property lawfully seized by Service members or certified Law Enforcement personnel is the property of the United States. At the time of this Order's publication, no military operation or exercise allows the United States to seize public property permanently.

(a) This Order permits the receipt and importation of foreign gifts by individuals or units to the United States or overseas U.S. military installations, provided receipt of such gifts is in accordance with U.S. and applicable international laws; the JER; CCR 27-3, Gifts from Foreign Governments; and applicable service regulations.

(b) This Order permits the lawful acquisition of tourist souvenirs if such items can legally be imported into the United States or overseas U.S. military installations in accordance with U.S. or international laws.

(c) The restrictions in paragraph 2(j) do not apply to private property seized during counter piracy operations and held as evidence for possible criminal proceedings or law enforcement investigation.

k. Religious Matters.

(1) This Order prohibits entrance into a mosque or other site of Islamic religious significance by non-Muslims, unless directed to do so by military authorities, required by military necessity, or as part of an official tour conducted with the nondelegable approval of a commander in the grade of O-6 or higher and the host-nation. This prohibition does not apply to Service members and DOD civilians, their families, or official visitors of the Office of Military Cooperation in Egypt when visits to mosques or other sites of Islamic religious significance in Egypt are tourist sites, open to non-Muslims, and approved for visitation in advance by the Chief, Military Cooperation, Egypt. Commanders may further restrict this provision when warranted by the local security situation.

(2) This Order prohibits creating or reproducing an image or likeness of the Prophet Muhammad.

(3) This Order prohibits intentionally desecrating or defiling the following:

- (a) religious items or symbols (regardless of the religion);
- (b) religious holy books, such as the Qur'an, Bible, or Torah;

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(c) any religious shrine or place of worship (such as a church or mosque);

(d) national flags containing religious notations (such as the Afghanistan, Saudi, and Iraqi national flags);

(e) any historical or cultural artifact, relic, or location.

(f) The term, “desecrating” includes divesting or diverting from a sacred to a profane use or purpose by blasphemous, sacrilegious, irreverent, contemptuous, or disrespectful action. The term “defiling” includes actions or words that are abusive, cruel, indecent, reproachful, or detract from the significance, status, or position of a person or property.

(4) This Order prohibits proselytizing of any religion, faith, or practice to local nationals or third country nationals in countries in the USCENTCOM AOR. This rule does not prohibit Chaplains from performing their official religious duties.

(5) Internment of deceased Muslim will be done in accordance with Muslim religious practice and customs. This Order prohibits burning or cremating Muslim remains under any circumstances.

1. Violations of Host-nation Laws. This Order charges all personnel subject to this Order with the responsibility to become familiar with and respect the laws, regulations, and customs of their host-nation insofar as the host-nation laws, regulations, and customs do not interfere with the execution of official duties. Violations of host-nation laws, regulations, and customs may be punishable under applicable U.S. criminal statutes or U.S. military administrative regulations.

3. **PUNITIVE ORDER:** Paragraph 2 of this General Order is punitive. Persons violating this Order are subject to appropriate administrative, non-judicial, or judicial action. DOD civilians may also face criminal prosecution or adverse administrative action for violation of this Order. The intent of this Order is not to preempt already enumerated UCMJ offenses. If a court or higher authority supersedes or determines a provision within this Order is legally unenforceable or insufficient, the unaffected portions of this Order will remain enforceable.

4. **INDIVIDUAL DUTY:** Personnel subject to this Order have the individual responsibility to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein.

5. **LEADER RESPONSIBILITY:** This Order charges all commanders, SCO Chiefs, senior leaders, and military and DOD civilian supervisors to brief ALL PERSONNEL on the prohibitions and requirements of this Order. Commanders and SCO Chiefs may further supplement and restrict the conduct of their forces and personnel concerning matters set forth in this Order; however, the CCJA will receive a copy of such restrictions upon publication.

6. **CONFISCATION OF OFFENDING ARTICLES:** Items determined to violate this Order may be considered contraband by command or law enforcement authorities if found in the USCENTCOM AOR. Before destroying any contraband, commanders or law enforcement personnel will coordinate with their servicing Judge Advocate. Military Customs officials and


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other pre-clearance officials will enforce this Order in their inspections of personnel before departure from the AOR.

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately. This Order rescinds GO-1B, dated 13 March 2006, all waivers granted pursuant to GO-1B, and any other order, directive, or policy conflicting with this Order.

8. **EXPIRATION:** This Order will expire when rescinded by the Commander, USCENTCOM, or higher authority.

9. **WAIVER AUTHORITY:** I grant non-delegable authority to waive or modify the prohibitions of Paragraph 2 of this Order only to the USCENTCOM Deputy Commander, and the USCENTCOM Chief of Staff.



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