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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Italy Policy Letter #13, Enhanced Force Protection Requirements for Off Post Wear of Uniform, Events, and Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Requirements

1. Applicability. All military and civilian personnel assigned to or performing temporary duty within the USAG Italy Area of Responsibility (AOR) under the Tactical Control for Force Protection (TACON for FP) of the USAG Italy General Officer for Force Protection (GAFP).
2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to implement mandatory Force Protection standards for the wearing of the military uniform and privately owned vehicle requirements while on duty in the USAG Italy AOR. These policies are being implemented IAW HQ EUSEUCOM AT OPORD 16-03 and USAREUR OPORD 0038-16 (FY16-FY17 Baseline FP Posture). Changes are found in paragraph 4.c and paragraph 7 of this revised Policy Letter.
3. Responsibility. All tenant leaders will ensure that service members strictly adhere to this policy.
4. General. Commanders will prohibit the wear of military uniforms (including physical fitness and JROTC uniforms) when off U.S. or Host Nation (HN) installations with the following exceptions:
 - a. Military uniform is authorized for direct travel between domicile and U.S. or HN Installations only while traveling via an enclosed private, government, or rental vehicle.
 - b. DoD personnel residing in hotels off the installation may wear uniforms when departing or arriving in an enclosed private, government, or rental vehicle. However, uniform wear in public areas of hotels is prohibited (see paragraph 5.e).
 - c. Uniform wear while conducting military operations, training events, and exercises in the USAG Italy AOR is authorized. Tenant Commands, however, must notify the Garrison Antiterrorism Office (see paragraph 8) to ensure a risk assessment is conducted. Commanders should minimize uniform wear off U.S. or HN controlled areas when possible.

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d. Uniform wear when representing the U.S. Military at an official HN function is authorized.

e. Uniform wear is authorized at drive-thru fast-food establishments and gas stations as long as personnel in uniform remain inside an approved private, government, or rental vehicle.

5. Wear of the military uniform is prohibited, not authorized, or permitted outside of non U.S. or HN controlled installations for the following:

a. Uniform wear is prohibited while traveling via motorcycle/scooter, bicycle, or foot. Commanders will encourage personnel traveling on motorcycle/scooter, bicycle, or foot not to carry backpacks that readily convey DoD affiliation.

b. Military personnel in uniform are prohibited on any form of public transportation, including taxis.

c. Uniform wear while escorting children to/from or waiting at off installation DoDDS bus stops is prohibited.

d. Wear of the physical fitness uniform to conduct off-installation training is prohibited.

e. Uniform wear in public areas of hotels, such as breakfast or dining room, bar, or fitness room, is prohibited.

f. Uniform wear for convenience stops at public locations, such as gas stations, off installation childcare facilities, restaurants (including inside fast food establishments), shopping areas or other public venues is not authorized except as provided in paragraph 4.e.

6. Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Requirements.

a. POV's will adhere to criteria in SETAF Regulation 190-3 dated 15 May 2005. b. Particularly emphasized is page 35 paragraph c under "Paintings and Markings": "Decals that could be used to identify a vehicle as Armed Forces Italy (AFI), such as University stickers, Stateside installation stickers etc. are prohibited." Any stickers, decals, or markings that would identify the vehicle as part of the Military/DoD are forbidden. The following procedures will be used for enforcement purposes:

(1) Vehicles will not be released from the Torri Vehicle Holding Area with affixed DoD stickers/decals. The vehicle owner will be required to remove all stickers prior to release.

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(2) Vehicles coming for required annual inspections with affixed DoD stickers/decals will be required to have owner remove all affixed DoD stickers/decals prior to inspection.

(3) Unit POV inspections will prohibit the vehicle from being driven if DoD stickers/decals are affixed to the vehicle.

(4) Annual Vehicle Inspections will look for DoD stickers/decals. If discovered, rule number (2) above will apply.

(5) DES and LAC will inspect for unauthorized, affixed DoD stickers/decals for numbers (1) and (2) above. At annual inspections, LAC will again check for unauthorized affixed DoD stickers/decals. If found, number (2) above will apply.

7. Special Events. A special event is defined as a pre-planned, organized gathering of 1 or more DoD personnel. Special events that meet the criteria specified in paragraphs 7.a through 7.c below require formal approval following the routing procedures and Special Event Threat Assessment (SETA) format established in USAG Italy OPORD 16-022 (Large Gathering and Special Event Process). The criteria in 7.a through 7.c has been updated and supersedes the criteria established in paragraphs 1.a through 1.c in OPORD 16-022, pending an update.

a. Unit Commanders are the approval authority for off installation events with 1-49 DoD personnel not in uniform. The Garrison Commander is the approval authority for off installation events with 50-299 DoD personnel not in uniform. Report all off-installation special events to the Garrison AT office IAW USAG Italy OPORD 16-022.

b. The Garrison Commander is the approval authority for off installation events with 1-299 DoD personnel in uniform. Requests will be routed IAW USAG Italy OPORD 16-022.

c. The USAG Italy General Officer for Force Protection (GOFP) is the approval authority for on and off installation events with 300 or more DoD personnel regardless of uniform wear. Requests will be routed IAW USAG Italy OPORD 16-022.

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