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Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HISTORY. This regulation supersedes Devens RFTA Regulation 215-1, dated 7 July 2006, Alcoholic Beverages.

SUMMARY. This regulation identifies alcohol prohibitions regarding use, possession, storage and controls for Command sponsored events.

APPLICABILITY. This regulation is applicable to all military personnel, civilian employees and all other individuals assigned or attached to, working, training, otherwise physically present at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. The proponent of this regulation is Army Community Service. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms, directly to the Commander, Fort Devens, ATTN: IMNE-DEV-MWA, Fort Devens, MA 01434-4479.

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CHAPTER 1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1-1. References.

- a. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
- b. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP).
- c. Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 38, Section 34a.

1-2. Purpose. Identify alcohol prohibitions. Establish controls for Command sponsored events. This policy applies to both civilian and military personnel.

1-3. Prohibitions. The current minimum age to legally consume or purchase alcoholic beverages in all States is 21. No servicemember, DOD civilian employee or family member under the age of 21 will purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages while on Fort Devens. The only exception to this prohibition is Installation sanctioned religious service. No person may offer, serve or otherwise make available an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age. Military personnel on duty will not have a blood alcohol level equal to or greater than .05 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. Any violation of this provision provides a basis for disciplinary action under the UCMJ and a basis for administrative action. Massachusetts Statute for Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) is .08 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. In some individuals, two alcoholic drinks can exceed safety standards. The following additional prohibitions also apply within the confines of Fort Devens:

- a. Kegs will not be consumed nor stored in the barracks.
- b. Service members or civilian employees assigned, attached, working or training at Fort Devens will not consume alcoholic beverages:
 - (1) While on duty regardless of the hours of the day (duty hours and duty status are determined by the service members' commander).
 - (2) Within 8 hours immediately prior to assumption of duty.
 - (3) Within 12 hours prior to events involving weapons (live or blank fire), tactical vehicles, or bows and arrows.
- c. Regardless of their status, individuals and units may not possess, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere within the confines of South Post.
- d. Units on Fort Devens will not include the use of alcohol during unit functions without prior written approval from the Garrison Commander.

e. Individuals will not store alcohol for personal use in government offices or refrigerators.

1-4. Unit Functions. Unit commanders must abide by AR 600-85 to refrain from glamorizing alcohol and establish firm prevention measures/limits for alcohol consumption. Unit commanders must sign and submit a request for alcohol use during a unit function to the Fort Devens Garrison Commander (See attached Enclosure). Submit requests through the installation ACS office, the Fort Devens Police Services Division, and the Garrison Commander for approval. Although the Garrison Commander will make every attempt to process all requests, those received with less than ten days notice may be considered untimely.

a. In all cases where the Garrison Commander has granted the approval for alcohol consumption, commanders will conduct safety briefings to their unit members. Safety briefings must consider Designated Driver Program, party monitors, identification card checks, bracelets, hand stamping, beverage coupons, food to be served, etc. Functions must include Non-alcoholic beverages. Commanders must consider function attendance when determining quantity of alcohol to be served. The request for alcohol consumption must identify safety measures that will prevent the endangerment of service members and the surrounding Fort Devens community.

b. Commanders or a designated representative must personally supervise activities involving serving of alcoholic beverages. Units must have approved permission requests on hand during the function.

1-5 Enforcement. The use of alcohol, within the parameters of this policy and local laws, is a privilege. Unit commanders may always increase restrictions internally. Either unit commanders or the Garrison Commander may remove alcohol privileges at any time. Although the Fort Devens Police Services Division will conduct periodic safety checks, *primary responsibility for policy enforcement lies within the individual and within the unit chain of command.*

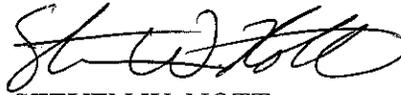
a. If a unit has reason to believe an individual is impaired on duty, the individual must be escorted to the Fort Devens Police Department.

b. When probable cause dictates, the Fort Devens Police Services Division will administer a BAC test.

c. As a courtesy service, units and individuals may request a BAC test to identify risk factors in others. This is a no threat test intended to convince a "buddy" not to operate a motor vehicle before becoming a danger to him/her or others. Direct requests for a courtesy test to the Fort Devens Police Services division, extension 3333.

d. Repeated and/or egregious violations of prohibited actions will result in the loss of alcohol privileges and possible criminal and/or UCMJ action.

1-6 Point of Contact. Address questions and concerns to the installation Fort Devens Command Group, ext. 2126.

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REQUEST FORM

(Office Symbol)

MEMORANDUM THRU Army Community Service, 30 Quebec Street Fort Devens, MA 01434
Police Services Division, 47 Quebec Street, Fort Devens, MA 01434

FOR Commander, Headquarters Fort Devens, Fort Devens, MA 01434

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of use of Alcohol at Unit Function IAW
Fort Devens Reg 215-1

1. Unit Name: _____

2. Unit POC: (name, rank, phone) _____

3. Date Event Scheduled _____

4. Hours of Event: _____

5. Location of Event _____

6. Number of Attendees: MILITARY _____ CIVILIAN _____

7. Names of Non-Drinking Designated Drivers/Party Monitors _____

8. "I have read Fort Devens Reg 215-1 dated 1 September 2007 and my signature below certifies supervision of the function involving alcohol consumption and compliance mandates.

UNIT CDR SIGNATURE/RANK/ DATE _____

DUTY PHONE/CELL #

GARRISON COMMANDER APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

ADCO/ACS Concur _____ Nonconcur _____ Date _____

POLICE SERV DIV Concur _____ Nonconcur _____ Date _____

GARRISON COMMANDER:

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____ DATE _____

