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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy 26, Motorcycle Safety on Fort Leonard Wood and for Service Members Assigned to Fort Leonard Wood

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6055.04 (DoD Traffic Safety Program), 23 January 2013.
- b. AR 385-10 (The Army Safety Program), 27 November 2013.
- c. AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy), 6 November 2014.
- d. AR 600-37 (Unfavorable Information), 19 December 1986.
- e. FLW Reg 385-10 (Safety Program), 31 May 2013.
- f. Garrison Policy 25 (Motorcycle Safety Policy), 2 July 2014.

2. GENERAL. DoDI 6055.04 and AR 385-10 establish requirements for the training, equipping, mentoring, and tracking of both active duty members on and off duty who are motorcycle riders and civilians who ride motorcycles on Army installations.

3. POLICY AND PROCEDURES.

a. Through this policy memorandum, all active duty members assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Department of the Army (DA) Civilians on duty, and non-DA civilians present on Fort Leonard Wood who violate the provisions of either reference may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other applicable laws and regulations.

b. Leaders' involvement in motorcycle safety is the most important component in keeping our Service members and Civilians safe. Leaders are reminded that they are responsible for knowing the requirements for motorcycle riders and ensuring compliance of the same. Additionally, DoDI 6055.04 and AR 385-10 create several responsibilities for leaders themselves, and those responsibilities must be carried out. Failure to do so may be addressed through administrative or disciplinary action.

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c. While Service members are free to form lawful associations with other motorcycle riders, both riders and their leaders must remain aware of and avoid the dangers that can arise when groups of riders with different levels of experience, skill, maturity, and judgment ride together. Small mistakes lead to catastrophic consequences. Riders must use all means necessary to avoid situations when they may be encouraged or feel pressured to ride above their skill level. Leaders will take appropriate action in response to irresponsible, immature, and unsafe behavior.

d. In addition to potential pressure to ride above one's skill level, motorcycle groups—by whatever name—present the potential for compromising military authority. Riders and leaders are reminded that the rules against fraternization and various types of relationships contained in AR 600-20 are applicable at all times.

e. Service members who violate the provisions of this policy, DoDI 6055.04, or AR 385-10 will receive a memorandum of reprimand from me IAW AR 600-37. Civilians who violate this policy are subject to lose their installation driving privileges.

f. Commanders/directors will ensure that all individuals covered by this regulation wear the following personal protective equipment (PPE) while operating motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) on the installation and all Service members—at any time—on or off the installation. PPE requirements are as follows:

(1) Helmets will be certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) Safety Standard No. 218, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standard 22-05, British Standard 6658, or Snell Standard M2005 in accordance with DODI 6055.04. Helmets will also be properly fastened under the chin.

(2) Eye protection must be designed to meet or exceed American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z87.1, for impact and shatter resistance (includes goggles, wraparound glasses, or full face shield. A windshield or fairing does not constitute eye protection or meet this requirement.

(3) Foot protection will consist of sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (not cloth, canvas).

(4) Protective clothing will consist of a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion resistant material. It is strongly recommended that motorcycle jackets and trousers contain abrasion resistant materials and impact-absorbing pads. Selection of PPE that incorporates reflective or bright color choices is also highly encouraged.

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(5) Operators of government-owned tactical motorcycle and ATVs will include PPE requirements stated above, along with knee and shin guards and padded full-fingered gloves. Operators are encouraged to consider mouth guards to protect teeth. Unit commanders may authorize using combat helmets during operations and training based off the operational risk assessment.

(6) All PPE requirements for motorcycles are applicable to all three-wheeled variants (Can-Am Spyders, Polaris Slingshot)

g. Commanders/directors will ensure all Service members who operate a motorcycle complete the required training in accordance with AR 385-10, Chapter 11, and the following:

(1) Level 1 (All Beginners) – Complete Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) or Deputy Under the Secretary of Defense (Installation and Environment)-endorsed, state-approved, curriculum for motorcycle operator's safety training.

(2) Level 2 (Cruisers) - Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or the MSF BRC-II.

(3) Level 2 (Sportbike) - Military Sportbike Riders Course (MSRC) or MSF Advanced Rider Course (ARC).

(4) Level 3 Sustainment - Motorcycle sustainment training is based on the type of motorcycle owned or operated. Service members are required to complete motorcycle sustainment training within 5 years of completing an ERC/BRC-II or MSRC/ARC which consists of, at a minimum, retaking an ERC/BRC-II or MSRC/ARC. A Service member can meet the sustainment training requirement, at no expense to the government, by taking an Army-approved advanced level motorcycle course. A list of courses meeting the criteria is located on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center Web site <<https://safety.army.mil>>.

(5) Motorcycle refresher training (MRT) for Service members deployed for more than 180 days.

(6) DA Civilian employees who operate motorcycles in the performance of their duties will complete the training requirements in this section.

(7) Military retirees and military Family members/dependents are not permitted to attend Army-sponsored training.

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(8) Service members who operate motorcycles on or off post must comply with the skills training, licensing, and permit requirements of their state. Civilians or contract laborers that are properly licensed to operate a motorcycle in their residence will not be required to provide further documentation to operate on Fort Leonard Wood.

h. All Service members operating a motorcycle on or off the installation will—

(1) Within 10 work days of arrival to Fort Leonard Wood or acquisition of a motorcycle, show completion of an approved MSF course. MSF completion card must be carried on person at all times when operating a motorcycle.

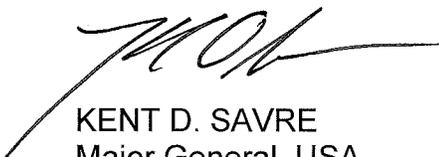
(2) Have a completed motorcycle mentorship packet completed and maintained by unit motorcycle mentor in accordance with current Fiscal Year Base Operations Order, Safety Annex T.

(3) Abide by all regulations, standards, policy, and procedures set forth in DODI 6055.04 and AR 385-10.

i. Commanders/directors will support and promote unit-level motorcycle mentorship programs to enhance and reinforce positive training, mentoring, and riding skills for the Service members in their command.

4. SUPERSESSION. This policy is in effect until superseded or rescinded.

5. PROPONENT. The proponent for this command policy and the mandatory motorcycle mentorship program is the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Safety Office (MSO).



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