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**BASIC ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION & LIBERTY GUIDELINES FOR  
SAILORS / NAVY CIVILIANS / NAVY SOFA DEPENDENTS ON OKINAWA  
(180 DAYS OR MORE)**

- Ref: (a) COMNAVFORJAPAN/COMNAVREGJAPAN Memorandum of 31AUG2016, Liberty Policy  
(b) COMSEVENTHFLT MSG DTG 010115Z SEP 16  
(c) COMNAVFORJAPANINST/COMNAVREGJAPANINST 5800.47B, Limitation on Consumption of Alcohol by Active Duty Navy Personnel Assigned or Attached to Ashore/Afloat Commands, at, Visiting, or Forward Deployed to Japan  
(d) CFAOINST 5800.1, Limitation on Consumption of Alcohol by Navy Personnel in Okinawa, Japan  
(e) USFJ Instruction 31-2005, Motor Vehicle Operations and Traffic Supervision  
(f) COMNAVFORJAPAN 5800.9Q, Vehicle Operations, Traffic Control, and Administrative Policies  
(g) CFAOINST 5820.3J, Motor Vehicle Operations, Licensing, and Administrative Penalties  
(h) 18th Wing Instruction 21-204, Kadena Air Base Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

**Who this applies to:** All Sailors, Navy civilians, and Navy Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) dependents stationed on, deployed to or posted to temporary duty to Okinawa, Japan and assigned to Navy units. Being in a leave or special liberty status does not constitute an exemption to these guidelines. Authorized Commanders as defined in reference (a) may grant individual case-by-case exceptions for specific circumstances, to the curfew and liberty buddy requirements. Service Members stationed on, deployed to, or posted to temporary duty to Okinawa, Japan for 179 days or less will follow policies separate from the below.

**Liberty Policy**

**Overview:** Per references (a) and (b), every service member assigned to Japan on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders or assigned to Japan for 180 days or more will be assigned to a tier as per the current USFJ liberty policy. All Service Members will default into Tier 1, as defined below, upon completion of the below training requirements. However, other more restrictive Tiers may be assigned at the discretion of the command in order to mitigate the potential for any liberty incidents which could damage the host nation relations between the United States and Japan.

**New Join:** Any new join must complete the check-in process and the following training prerequisites prior to being granted liberty off installation:

1. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Training
2. Responsible Drinking Training
3. Okinawa Orientation Overview Brief

During the check-in process, a new join must have a command approved escort if leaving the installation. The escort can be a family member, civilian, or any other individual the command deems responsible. During the check-in period individuals who are at least 20 years old may consume alcohol only on installation or in their assigned off-installation quarters.

**Tier 1:** Tier 1 liberty rules are as follows:

1. Off-installation alcohol consumption is prohibited between 0000 - 0500 except in a hotel room or residence where the Service member is lodged for the night. After 0000, all Service Members shall vacate bars and establishments whose primary purpose is to serve alcohol.

2. Personnel in pay grades E-1 to E-5 are required to have a liberty buddy if consuming alcohol off-installation. E-6 and above have no liberty buddy requirement.

a. A liberty buddy may be (1) an active duty military member; (2) another person covered by the Status of Forces Agreement (a spouse, accompanied family member, or a U.S. civil service employee); (3) other family members, or (4) a responsible individual (including a foreign national) who has been approved by an Authorized Commander, who is an O-4 or above having command over a service member.

3. Personnel in pay grades E-1 to E-5 will have no off-installation liberty between the hours of 0100 and 0500 and must be in a place of lodging which can be a hotel room or other private residence where the Service Member is spending the night.

**Alcohol Consumption Age Limit:** The legal drinking age for alcohol in Japan is 20 years old. Therefore the legal age in order to consume alcohol for all military members on or off-installation shall be 20 years old.

**Restricted Area:** Overnight liberty, special liberty, or leave between 0000 and 0500 in areas south of Camp Kinser and Highway 38 is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to Navy personnel performing official duties.

**Driving:** All Sailors, Navy civilians and Navy SOFA dependents as in the U.S., operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol is illegal. The blood alcohol content (BAC) limit is .03 percent here in Japan. If you have consumed ANY alcohol call a taxi or "daiko" (replacement driver) service. Any driver with a BAC of .03 percent or higher operating or in control of an automobile or other conveyance remain subject to existing orders and will be cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. Passengers traveling in vehicles with drivers above the legal limits are also guilty of local drunk driving laws and potentially face fines up to \$5,000. References (e) through (h).

**Vehicle Accidents:** All Sailors, Navy civilians and Navy SOFA dependents if involved in any vehicle accident on or off-base, no matter how minor or who was at fault, shall not leave the scene until released by US security forces. You may call any Service security force for assistance.

• USMC - Provost Marshall Office (PMO), Camp Foster : 645-3423 Cell:  
098-970-3423

- USAF - 18<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron (SFS), Kadena: 634-2475 Cell: 098-961-2475
- USN - Naval Security Forces, White Beach: 622-1410 Cell: 090-9789-9728
- USA - Military Police, Torii Station: 644-4715 Cell: 098-956-1206

**Off-Limits Establishments:** The following establishments are off-limits to all Sailors, Navy civilians and Navy SOFA dependents. The Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board reviews establishments quarterly and places off-limits those establishments which pose a threat to the health, safety, welfare, morale and discipline of SOFA personnel. The following establishments are off-limits by order of CFAO dated 23 November 2016:

- a. Bar Sakura, 1-10-15, Chuo, Okinawa City;
- b. Bon Bon Dou, 1-9-8, Uechi, Okinawa City;
- c. Color, Takara Building, 2-6-34 Makishi, Naha City;
- d. Fantasy Space Okinawa, 2 Chome 17-46 Makishi, Naha City;
- e. Green House, 1-3-1 Uechi, Okinawa City;
- f. Ground Tobacco Shop, 2F 1-5-9 Mihama, Chatan-Cho;
- g. Heaven's Smell (formerly Samurai King), 1-8-1 Chuo, Okinawa City;
- h. Herb Shot Garu-Garu, 2-7-2 Wakasa, Naha City;
- i. High Times, 1-6-2 Chou, Okinawa City;
- j. Jah Reggae Shop Okinawa, 1-6-20, Chuo, Okinawa City;
- k. OM's Herb Shop, 3-7-12 (2d Floor) Yafuso, Urasoe City;
- l. Soap Land, Area 2, Tsuji District, Naha City
- m. Soft Cream (and distribution service "Lequio Herb"), 1-15-8, Okinawa City;
- n. Stoner's Den, 2-17-1 Makishi, Naha City;
- o. Takahara Hotel, adjacent to the Nakagusuku Castle in Ishado Nakagusuku Village;
- p. Tokyo Syoten Bookstore, Highway 23 at 820-6 Kamisedo, Chatan-Cho;
- q. Yasu Ichi Bookstore, 2-1-10 Chatan, and,
- r. Yoshihara Red Light District, except establishments with a storefront that faces 329 or 330 are not off-limits.

**This order is punitive and will remain in effect until revoked or modified under my authority. Penalties for violation of this order include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions for military and civilian personnel, to include adverse administrative action or trial by courts-martial.**

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R. W. MATHEWSON, CAPT, USN

By signing this document, you affirm that you have read and understood the policies in effect for Sailors, Navy Civilians and SOFA Dependents here on Okinawa.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Command/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to your chain of command or CFAO Legal Office at 632-3974.