



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND
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POLICY MEMORANDUM 10-02

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Southern Command Alcohol Policy

1. Purpose. To establish the alcohol policy of the Commander, United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM), for DoD personnel in USSOUTHCOM's Area of Responsibility (AOR). Policy memorandum 22-00 is cancelled.
2. Background. Historically, excessive alcohol consumption has been a contributing factor in the majority of injuries and accidents as well as diplomatic and criminal misconduct incidents involving service members and DoD civilians in this AOR. These incidents have the potential to adversely affect U.S. foreign policy and the command's theater engagement goals and objectives.
3. Order. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited for all personnel assigned to units deployed from their home station in CONUS or Puerto Rico to the USSOUTHCOM AOR while on operations or exercises. This policy does not apply to individuals or groups, not defined as a unit, who are deployed to the USSOUTHCOM AOR for temporary duty (TDY), or for permanent party personnel (PCS) in theater.
4. Waivers. Component, Subunified, and Joint Task Force commanders may waive this policy for deployed units while on operations or exercises. Appropriate occasions for waiver may be closing ceremonies for exercises or operations, selected unit functions, or other events as the Commander authorizes. Component, Subunified, and Joint Task Force Commanders may further delegate this waiver authority to subordinate or on-scene commanders. Commanders will take appropriate measures to prevent alcohol abuse and alcohol related incidents.
5. Commander's Intent. The intent of this policy is to enhance the security, safety, and readiness of small units operating in the high visibility political-military environment of Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. Implementation. Alcohol policies will be specified in USSOUTHCOM, Component, Subunified and Joint Task Force Commander deployment orders. Commanders will include alcohol policies in pre-deployment briefings. All alcohol related incidents (and their disposition) that involve U.S. forces or DoD personnel deployed in the AOR will be reported by the most expeditious means available to USSOUTHCOM (ATTN: SCSJA). Personnel involved in alcohol-related incidents in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice are

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subject to disciplinary or administrative action, as appropriate, whether or not they have permission to drink. Commanders should act vigorously and affirmatively to resolve all alcohol related incidents and review any previous decision to waive the alcohol policy.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Huck", written in a cursive style.

R.A. HUCK
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps
Chief of Staff, U.S. Southern Command

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