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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 11 - Motorcycle Safety Policy

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 385-10 (The Army Safety Program), 27 November 2013.

2. Purpose: To mitigate the risk associated with the operation of motorcycles.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to anyone operating a vehicle that falls under the definition of "motorcycle" in AR 385-10 on U.S. Army Hawaii (USARHAW) installations. This policy also applies to all 25th Infantry Division Soldiers operating a motorcycle both on and off installations. This policy does not pertain to certain types of motorized vehicles (See "Annex A").

4. Policy:

- a. Commanders at all levels are responsible for the complete implementation of this policy and will ensure ALL Soldiers in their command are in compliance. All units will include this policy as part of their Unit Safety Program, and display it on Unit Safety Boards.

- b. Licensing: All motorcycles must be properly registered and operators properly licensed IAW state and local law and policy in order to operate on USARHAW installations. IAW AR 385-10, all military riders, on or off post, will possess a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course (MDDC) certification card prior to operating a motorcycle.

- c. Mandatory Progressive Training: All military riders will complete the progressive training described in AR 385-10 (See "Annex A"). Per AR 385-10, prior to the operation of any motorcycle, on or off the installation, all Soldiers must successfully complete an appropriate MSF based Basic Rider's Course (BRC) or state approved curriculum for rider's safety training. The required course may be taken on or off post, however, all installation training courses are provided to active duty military at no cost to the rider.

- d. Modifications/Changes to Motorcycle: Soldiers who obtain a different motorcycle, other than the one they were initially certified on, or make any modification that

substantially changes its dimensions, weight, performance or handling characteristics, will retake the BRC-II or MSRC (depending on type of motorcycle ridden) within one (1) month of the change or purchase before operating the motorcycle on post. All modifications should be reported to the Soldier's Motorcycle Mentor for a decision on whether the modification falls into the above category.

e. Safety Equipment: Riders, and their passengers, on USARHAW installations, will wear complete personal protective equipment (PPE) IAW AR 385-10 and additional gear as listed below. In addition to all required PPE IAW AR 385-10, the following gear will be worn by all Soldiers when riding on a USARHAW installation, and 25th ID Soldiers when riding anywhere, on or off post:

(1) During daylight hours (0700-1900), a fluorescent (brightly colored) or reflective vest, jacket, or upper outer garment OR a motorcycle specific jacket, vest or apparel designed to limit injuries will be worn. During low-light hours (1900-0700), a reflective vest, reflective jacket, or reflective upper outer garment will be worn. Wearing a reflective PT belt alone does not suffice to meet the latter requirement. Additionally, the reflective and fluorescent material must be present on both the front and back of the garment that is worn to meet this requirement. Backpacks will have a minimum of two PT Belts visible from the rear, unless the backpack is fluorescent or reflective in design by the manufacturer.

(2) With regard to footgear; leather, Cordura, or Kevlar type boots or sturdy over the ankle shoes must be worn by riders at all times. High-top basketball shoes do not suffice to meet the latter requirement. Non-slip soled motorcycle shoes/boots are highly recommended.

(3) All motorcycle operators and passengers will wear full-fingered leather gloves designed for motorcycle use.

(4) All motorcycle operators and passengers will use approved eye protection while the motorcycle is in use. Face shields in the up position or non Z87.1 lens over the eyes are not authorized. Tinted lens will not be worn during limited visibility.

f. Prohibited Equipment: No rider, while operating a motorcycle on a USARHAW Installation, will wear a motorcycle club jacket, vest, or other outer garment (also known as "patch", "cut", "leathers"). Any garment that displays the operator's affiliation with a motorcycle "club," "gang," or other group that offers/solicits membership is strictly prohibited. Compression sleeves substituting as long sleeved shirt is not authorized.

g. Responsibilities: See "Annex A" for specific responsibilities of commands, units and individuals.

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h. Penalties: Any Soldier who, while operating a motorcycle off-post, is issued a summons for, and *convicted* of, a moving violation (See "Annex A" for definition) could result in their on-post *motorcycle* driving privileges revoked by the Garrison Commander for a period of one (1) year. Additionally, any Soldier who, while operating a motorcycle *on-post*, is issued a summons for, and *convicted* of, a moving violation could have their on-post *motorcycle* driving privileges suspended for a period of six (6) months.

i. Duty to Report: A Soldier has a duty to report, to his or her chain of command, any moving violation (as defined in "Annex A") that he/she is cited for, and *convicted* of (including pleas of guilty submitted in civil matters), as a result of operating his/her motorcycle either on or off-post.

5. This policy is punitive in nature. Violators are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and other appropriate administrative action.

6. This policy remains in effect until such time it is rescinded or superseded.

7. The proponent for this policy is the U.S. Army Hawaii Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA), Administrative Law Dept., (808) 655-6572, or the Division Motorcycle Mentor.


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