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ENCLOSURE 1 TO TAB A TO APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX E TO COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT  
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Subj: GENERAL ORDER ON PERSONAL CONDUCT ASHORE AND STANDARDS FOR THE WEARING OF UNIFORMS AND CIVILIAN CLOTHES FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL WITHIN THE U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (U)

1. (U) Background. The degree to which the various countries in the USCENTCOM AOR strictly observe Islamic code differs from country to country. U.S. personnel must be aware of local sensitivities and cultural values in order to minimize the impact of U.S. military presence and reduce, to the maximum extent possible, any potential host-nation friction. Authorized and prohibited clothing in this instruction is specific to this AOR and may be more restrictive than military regulations.

2. (U) Applicability

a. As the Naval Component Commander in the USCENTCOM AOR, COMUSNAVCENT exercises operational control over assigned U.S. Navy personnel. Unless otherwise directed in writing by higher authority, all U.S. Navy personnel attached to COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT units and family members must adhere to the requirements of this general order.

b. COMUSNAVCENT exercises force protection responsibilities over all non-component command military personnel, their family members and all civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying U.S. Armed Forces in Bahrain. All non-component command military personnel, family members and all civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces in Bahrain must adhere to the requirements of this general order while in the USCENTCOM AOR.

c. Under the authority of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801-940, and U.S. Navy Regulations, 1990, this order is punitive in nature. Violation of this general order by civilians may result in removal of command sponsorship and subsequent removal from the USCENTCOM AOR or other administrative action or, in certain situations, disciplinary action. Civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces may face criminal prosecution or adverse administrative action for violation of this general order.

3. (U) Policy on Conduct

a. Firearms. The purchase, possession, use or sale of privately owned firearms, ammunition and explosives, or the introduction of these items into the USCENTCOM AOR is prohibited.

b. Religious Sites. Entrance into mosques or other sites of Islamic religious significance by non-Moslems is prohibited unless otherwise directed by military authorities, required by military necessity, or as part of an official tour conducted with the approval of military authorities and the host nation. In Bahrain, only the Grand Mosque may be visited by non-Moslems, and only as part of an organized tour group.

c. Alcohol. The introduction, possession, use, sale, transfer, manufacture or consumption of any alcoholic beverage within the countries of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia is prohibited. In all other countries, U.S. military and civilian personnel will adhere to laws and customs of host nation.

d. Controlled Substances and Drug Paraphernalia. Introduction, purchase, possession, use, sale, transfer or manufacture of any controlled

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Nation, or examples of poverty. Photographs of people may be taken only with their prior consent.

m. Beaches. While on liberty, private beaches are off-limits unless personnel have specific authorization from the property owner or otherwise qualify for access. Public behavior and dress on all beaches shall be proper and in good taste, and shall respect the culture and sensitivities of others present.

n. Public Display of Affection. Public display of affection (such as holding hands, kissing, or close bodily contact) is prohibited.

o. Host Nation Laws and Customs. All persons, military and civilian, subject to this general order are charged with the duty to become familiar with and respect the laws, regulations, and customs of their host nation insofar as they do not interfere with the execution of their official duties.

p. Confiscation of Offending Articles. Items which are determined to violate this general order may be considered contraband and may be confiscated if found in the USCENTCOM AOR.

q. Unit Commander Responsibility. Commanders and civilian supervisors are charged with ensuring that all personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this general order.

4. (U) Policy on Uniforms and Clothing

a. Military Uniforms

(1) General. Personnel shall not wear military uniforms on liberty when off a U.S. military compound. Military uniforms, to include the Navy PT Uniform, will not be worn in public or in the public areas of hotels or commercial establishments unless on official business or specifically authorized by COMUSNAVCENT.

b. Civilian Attire

(1) General. It is impossible to cover all combinations of attire. The goal is to clearly define acceptable attire for U.S. Military Personnel and their dependents so as to project a good impression upon our host nation's population, as well as, reinforce COMUSNAVCENT/5<sup>TH</sup> FLEET's policy of "Liberty as a Mission". As ambassadors of the United States and our services, civilian attire will present a neat, conservative appearance. Clothing will be loose fitting and concealing. Neither males nor females shall wear shirts or blouses of sheer fabric that could be considered revealing. Appropriate casual shorts are authorized as defined in this paragraph. **LONG PANTS ARE REQUIRED BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE IN ALL HOTELS, RESTAURANTS (excluding fast food restaurants) AND CLUBS WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** Note: Capri and Cropped pants are considered long pants for women. Casual shorts will not be more than 2 inches above the knee for both male and female, and no longer than 3 inches below the knee for males. Conservative slacks, denim pants (jeans), skirts, dresses, or shorts and collared shirts are generally acceptable for liberty; however personnel should be advised that some hotels and clubs expect patrons to dress more formally (e.g., coat and tie) and that hotel security personnel will not allow access to such clubs unless personnel are properly attired. Paragraphs 4b 2-9 provide comprehensive guidance on the standard of civilian clothing to be worn.

(2) Always Prohibited

- Male piercings
- Female piercings (exception: one ear ring, per ear, centered on the lobe).
- Frayed clothing whether by wear or manufacture.

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(5) Pants/Slacks/Shorts/Skirts

(a) **Male:**

Authorized

Jeans and slacks in good repair.

Casual Shorts:

- no more than 2 inches above the knee, measured from the top of the knee cap
- no more than 3 inches below the knee measured from the bottom of the knee cap
- not after sunset in any hotel, restaurant, or club

Prohibited

Jeans, Shorts, or Slacks that have:

- Manufactured or worn fraying, holes, rips, tears.
- Shorts worn higher than 2 inches above the knee, or more than 3 inches below the knee
- Unusually loose or baggy.
- Cutoffs, PT type shorts, including basketball shorts, as liberty attire.
- Any clothes that expose undergarments.

(b) **FEMALE:**

Authorized

Jeans slacks and Capri pants in good repair.

Skirts and Dresses worn at or below the knee.

Casual Shorts:

- no more than 2 inches above the knee, measured from the top of the knee cap
- not after sunset in any hotel, restaurant, or club

Prohibited

Jeans, Shorts, or Slacks that have:

- Manufactured or worn fraying, holes, rips, tears.
- Shorts worn higher than 2 inches above the knee
- Unusually loose or baggy.
- Cutoffs, PT type shorts, including basketball shorts, as liberty attire.
- Any clothes that expose undergarments.

Cocktail, backless, strapless, or sleeveless dresses, unless attending an official function.

Skirts worn excessively tight or above the knee.

(6) Shoes

(a) **MALE:**

Authorized

Running Shoes

Dress Shoes

Sandals made to be worn as normal footwear.

Flip Flops with leather or cloth straps or a wooden sole.

Prohibited

Frayed Flip Flops

Rubber or plastic shower shoes

Pool Shoes

Note: Wearing of any shoe that is not in good repair or frayed either by wear or manufacture is prohibited.

(b) **FEMALE:**

Authorized

Running Shoes

Dress Shoes

Sandals made to be worn as normal footwear.

Flip Flops with leather or cloth straps or a wooden sole.

Prohibited

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(7) PT Attire Off Base

Note: PT type shorts are not authorized liberty attire.

Authorized Off Base

Loose fitting shorts or pants

T-Shirts (no undershirts)

Prohibited Off Base

Command Logos on PT Gear

Navy PT Uniform

Stopping at cold stores, restaurants, fruit stands, or sidewalk vendors.

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(b) DCU's in "dress down" condition requires the blouse and cover, or headgear to be removed between the military facilities. Personnel in uniform transiting to/from the Aviation Unit, Mina Sulman pier, or NSA Bahrain facilities shall at no time leave the vehicle unless physically within the facility compound. Brown T-shirts will not be worn as an outer garment when in civilian clothes.

(15) ID Cards. All personnel in civilian clothes will have their DOD Armed Forces Identification card in their possession but not required to be openly displayed.