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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point  
To: Distribution List

Subj: DISSIDENT AND PROTEST ACTIVITIES

Ref: (a) Title 10, U.S. Code  
(b) Title 10, U.S. Code  
(c) DoDI 1325.06 w/ Ch 1, "Handling Dissident and Protest Activities Among Members of the Armed Forces," February 22, 2012  
(d) DoDI 1354.01, "DoD Policy on Organizations That Seek to Represent or Organize Members of the Armed Forces in Negotiation or Collective Bargaining," January 19, 2007  
(e) DoD 5500.07-R w/ Ch 7 "Joint Ethics Regulations (JER)," November 17, 2011

1. Situation. Commands aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point serve as a force in readiness and an integral part of the Armed Forces of the United States. In accordance with the references and consistent with the orderly accomplishment of the mission, commanders must ensure that individual rights of lawful expression are preserved to the maximum extent possible. Commanders must not however, be indifferent to conduct that if allowed to proceed unchecked, would destroy the effectiveness of his or her unit. As such, any dissident or protest activity aboard the Installation which tends to interfere with or prevent the orderly accomplishment of the mission, is of questionable loyalty, or which may adversely affect the health, morale, or welfare of personnel, is prohibited.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 5370.4E.

3. Mission. To implement policies and procedures as set forth in the references in order to promote the orderly accomplishment of the mission during dissident and/or protest activities.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Prohibited dissident and/or protest activities are prejudicial to good order and discipline. Commanders and all leaders have a duty to ensure that lawful expression is not infringed, but must report and when possible prevent, prohibited activities. Commanders should also remain alert for signs of future prohibited activities (e.g., possession of literature associated with gangs).

(2) Concept of Operations. Per the references, the following restrictions apply:

(a) Possession and Distribution of Printed Materials. Distribution of printed materials through other than official outlets such as exchanges and

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libraries must have the prior approval of the Installation Commander. Distribution without such prior approval is prohibited. The Installation Commander will determine whether the material creates a clear danger to the loyalty, discipline, or morale of military personnel or interfere with the accomplishment of the military mission. If such a determination is made, distribution will be prohibited. If the Installation Commander determines that an attempt will be made or has been made to distribute such printed material, the material shall be impounded.

(b) Gathering Places not Aboard the Installation. Commanders have the authority to place establishments off-limits when the activities taking place at these establishments include, but are not limited to, counseling, encouraging, or inciting military members to refuse to perform duty or to desert; pose a significantly adverse effect on military members' health, morale, welfare, or otherwise present a clear danger to loyalty, discipline, or morale of a military member or unit.

(c) Prohibited Activities. Military personnel shall not actively participate or advocate supremacist/violent extremist, or criminal gang doctrine, ideology, or causes, including those that advance, encourage, or advocate illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, sexual orientation, sex, religion, ethnicity, or national origin; or those that advance, encourage, or advocate the use of force, violence, or criminal activity; or otherwise advance efforts to deprive an individual of their civil rights. Active participation in such gangs or organizations is prohibited. Participation includes, but is not limited to, fundraising, demonstrating, rallying, recruiting, training, organizing, leading members, distributing material (including posting online), knowingly wearing gang colors or clothing, having tattoos or body markings associated with such gangs or organizations, or otherwise engaging in activities in furtherance of the objective of such gangs or organizations that are detrimental to good order, discipline, or mission accomplishment.

(d) Military Labor Organization. Unionization of the Armed Forces is incompatible with the military chain of command and would impair the readiness of the Armed Forces. Reference (d) provides specific guidelines and lists prohibited Military Labor Organization activities.

(e) Publication of Personal Writing Matters. Service members may not pursue personal writing for publication whether by traditional written or by electronic means (e.g., websites, BLOGS, and other electronic communications) during duty hours, nor may they use Government or non-appropriated fund property for this purpose, on or off duty, unless it is for official use or authorized purposes pursuant to section 2-301 of reference (e). Publication of such matters by military personnel while not aboard the Installation, on their own time, and with their own money and equipment, is not prohibited. However, if such a publication contains language or an utterance punishable under Federal law, or otherwise violates this Order and its references, those involved in printing, publishing, and/or distributing may be subject to prosecution and/or adverse administrative action.

(f) Demonstrations and Similar Activities Aboard the Installation. Any demonstration or activity aboard the Installation that could result in interference with or prevention of the good order, discipline, or morale of personnel, is prohibited. It is a crime for any person to enter the Installation for any purpose prohibited by law or lawful regulation(s), or for

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any person to reenter the Installation after having been barred by order of the Installation Commander.

(g) Demonstrations by Members of the Armed Forces while not Aboard the Installation. Members of the Armed Forces are prohibited from participating in demonstrations not aboard the Installation when activities constitute a breach of law and order, violence is likely to result, while in uniform, and/or while on-duty.

(h) Grievances. The right of military personnel to complain or request redress of grievances against actions of their commanders is protected by section 938, Article 138, Title 10 U.S.C (reference (a)), "Complaints of Wrongs." In addition, a military member may petition or present any grievances to any member of Congress or an Inspector General under section 1034, Title 10 U.S.C., "Protected Communications." Commanders should personally ensure that adequate procedures exist for identifying valid complaints and for taking corrective action.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) When activity aboard the Installation is suspected of falling within the purview of this Order or the references, immediately report the activity to the Installation Commander via the Provost Marshal's Office and/or Station Inspector.

(2) Commanding Officers are responsible for preventing and quelling prohibited dissident and protest activities within their designated areas. When required, assistance may be requested from the Provost Marshal's Office.

5. Administration and Logistics. Questions pertaining to the content of this Order should be directed to the Security and Emergency Services Directorate.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all personnel aboard MCAS Cherry Point, Marine Corps Outlying Field Atlantic, Marine Corps Outlying Field Oak Grove, and Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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