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## COMMAND POLICY MEMORANDUM 23-3

SUBJECT: United States Army Japan (USARJ) Supplement to United States Forces Japan (USFJ) Liberty Order

1. **Reference.** United States Forces Japan Liberty Order for All U.S. Military Forces Located or Operating in Japan, dated 21 October 2022.<sup>1</sup> This order rescinds and replaces USARJ Command Policy Memorandum 21-20, USARJ Liberty Order Supplement for All Soldiers Located or Operating in Japan, dated 20 October 2021.<sup>2</sup>

### 2. **General Order.**

a. Soldiers who fail to comply with the provisions of the general order are subject to discipline under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) as well as adverse administration action authorized by applicable laws and regulations. Subordinate commanders are authorized to promulgate supplemental leave and pass policies consistent with this memorandum.

b. **Withholding Policy.** I withhold the initial disposition of all alleged violations of this order to the first O-5 commander in the Soldier's chain of command. These commanders retain discretion to relinquish UCMJ jurisdiction to subordinate commanders in appropriate cases. A blanket delegation to subordinate commanders is not authorized. I have withheld authority from subordinate commanders to dispose of alleged offenses committed by Soldiers in the grade of E-8 and above, to include any NCO serving as a First Sergeant.<sup>3</sup>

3. **Applicability.** This order applies to all Army Soldiers located in Japan, including Army Reserve personnel (when serving in a Reserve capacity) and National Guard personnel (when in a Title 10 status), and personnel in a Temporary Duty (TDY), deployed, leave or pass status. This order is effective upon signature and will remain in effect until modified or rescinded, pending further assessment of operational environment in Japan.

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<sup>1</sup> Located at: <https://www.usfj.mil/Liberty-Order/>.

<sup>2</sup> Per DoDI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Policy and Procedures), "pass" and "liberty" have the same meaning.

<sup>3</sup> USARJ Command Policy Memorandum 23-2, Administration of Certain Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) Matters within U.S. Army Japan, 19 January 2023.

4. **Purpose.** This order is issued in order to safeguard the vital relationship we enjoy with the Government of Japan, bolster military readiness, and meet our obligations under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. This policy is intended to promote good order and discipline and reinforce standards of conduct, particularly with respect to behavior off military installations in Japan.

5. **Training Prerequisites.** Before any Soldier is granted an off-installation pass, including personnel who come to Japan in a TDY or leave status, unit Commanders shall ensure that the Soldier has completed within the prior 12 months: (1) Sexual Assault and Prevention and Response Training (IAW Army-specific instructions and Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 6495.01); (2) Training on Army regulations prohibiting fraternization; (3) Training on DoD polices regarding Trafficking in Persons (4) Training on restricted activities with firearms and other weapons outside of USFJ installations; and (5) Training on required standards for driving outside of USFJ installations, including penalties for Driving Under the Influence.

6. **Curfew.** Soldiers, including those who are permanently assigned, or are in a TDY, deployed, leave, or pass status in Japan, 19 years of age or below, are subject to curfew between the hours of 0100 and 0500. Soldiers 20 years of age and older are not subject to curfew, unless otherwise directed by their authorized commander. During curfew hours, Soldiers subject to curfew must either be (1) on a U.S. military installation; (2) in a private residence if off of a U.S. installation; (3) in a place of lodging (hotel); or (4) as mission requires (including duty-related/commute travel directly between an off-base residence and place of duty/obtain food/maintain fitness). Authorized commanders may grant curfew exceptions of limited duration on an individual, event-by-event basis for specific circumstances.

7. **Off-Installation Public Consumption of Alcohol.** For all Soldiers, regardless of grade, the off-installation public consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all days, including holidays, between the hours of 0100 and 0500. Public consumption of alcohol is any consumption of alcohol off of a military installation, except when in an off-installation residence, quarters, or hotel room.

8. **Pass.**

a. Commanders who authorize a pass will ensure all Soldiers are briefed on current security conditions and other-relevant issues pertaining to the pass location. Commanders will also ensure that their Soldiers understand their responsibilities under the SOFA for all interactions with Japanese Police.

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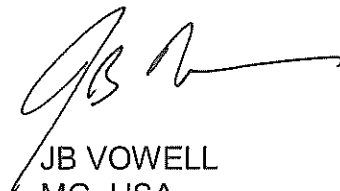
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b. Commanders will evaluate their Soldiers' suitability to enjoy the privilege of a pass in Japan. Soldiers who demonstrate that they are at an elevated risk to violate this policy and related DoD and Service regulations, because of past poor performance, including past incidents while on pass, shall have their pass privileges curtailed or controlled, as appropriate.

c. Soldiers are accountable for their actions and behavior while on pass. Additionally, Soldiers should make every reasonable effort to prevent inappropriate or illegal activities by other Soldiers. If Soldiers are aware of such misconduct, they are to directly report such misconduct to their chain of command. Leaders at all levels are expected to set the example and conduct themselves with proper decorum, to include responsible use of alcohol.

9. **Other Provisions.** This order does not exempt compliance from other requirements, including host nation laws. Additionally, Soldiers are prohibited from going to "off-limits establishments" as determined by the Joint Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board Process, or other locations as determined by proper authority.

10. **Point of Contact.** Questions concerning curfew should be referred to the US Army Japan Staff Judge Advocate at (DSN) 315-262-7233.



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