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STATION ORDER 6110.1A

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: STATION TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5100.13 (NOTAL)
(b) MCO 6200.3 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. The references require the establishment of a program that creates a social environment supporting the abstinence and discouragement of the use of tobacco products, creates a healthier work environment and provides smokers with encouragement and professional assistance to stop smoking. This program will not coerce or pressure individuals to enter such programs against their will.

2. Cancellation. StaO 6110.1.

3. Background. The Department of Defense (DOD) has directed the Services to establish smoking prevention and cessation programs. The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that smoking tobacco is the most preventable cause of illness and death in the United States. The Environmental Protective Agency states that involuntary/passive smoking poses a public health risk larger than hazardous air pollutants from all industrial emissions combined. Medical evidence shows overwhelmingly that the use of tobacco products adversely impacts on our health and readiness. Each person within the Department of the Navy (DON) is required to recognize their obligation to preserve their health. Accordingly, commanders are directed to establish environmental protective measures to insure a safe, healthy, unpolluted work and living environment for all personnel.

4. Information. The MCAS Yuma Tobacco Prevention Program will conform to the guidance of the references as follows:

a. Smoking shall be permitted only to the extent that it does not endanger life of property or risk impairing non-smoker's health.

b. Smoking shall not be permitted in:

- (1) Auditoriums, conference rooms, classrooms, and libraries.
- (2) Elevators.
- (3) Official busses, vans, and shuttle vehicles.
- (4) Gymnasiums, child care and youth activity centers.

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c. Smoking/non-smoking areas will be designated as such and smoking will only be permitted if adequate space is available for non-smokers and ventilation is adequate to provide a healthy environment.

5. Action

a. Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge/Department Heads

(1) Survey areas annually to determine smoking/non-smoking areas and designate as such.

(2) Show smoking/non-smoking areas on a building diagram located at the main entrance to each building. The fire evacuation diagram may be used.

(3) Pass information on tobacco hazards and cessation assistance through troop information programs.

(4) Encourage personnel to stop tobacco use.

(5) Take action to protect the rights of smokers and non-smokers alike.

(6) Take smoking/non-smoking preferences into account in the assignment of berthing and working spaces wherever possible.

(7) Ensure that smoking or non-smoking preference does not influence advancement or evaluation reports for military or civilian members.

b. Civilian Personnel Officer (CPO). Determine changes in policy in actual working conditions for civil service and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities (NAFI) employees. Notify union officials of any proposed changes and respond to union requests to negotiate. Negotiations must be completed prior to implementation for civil service or NAFI bargaining units, if negotiations are requested by the union(s).

c. Industrial Hygiene. Provide assistance in determining whether areas are adequate for intended designation as smoking or non-smoking areas.

d. Inspector/Fire Prevention/Facilities Management/SOHD/S-4. As part of regular inspection programs, include inspection for adequacy of designated smoking/non-smoking areas and compliance with directives of MCAS Yuma and higher headquarters.

e. Management Assistant/DRIS. In all new Interservice Support Agreements (ISA) or during the review or revision of all current ISA's, include the receiver compliance with Air Station directives on the Tobacco Prevention Program.

f. Medical Department/Unit Training Departments. Provide encouragement, counseling, and professional assistance, as required/requested, for tobacco users to stop using tobacco products. Provide information on available assistance to stop smoking. Lesson plans, training aids, materials and resources on nicotine addiction, the health risks of tobacco use, and tobacco's negative impact on readiness are a few areas that should be utilized in accomplishing the above educational requirements.

g. Public Affairs Officer/Adjutant. Run articles in the station newspaper and the plan of the day that provide information on DON tobacco prevention program, on health risks of tobacco usage and on available assistance to stop using tobacco.

h. Moral, Welfare and Recreation/Billeting Fund. Coordinate with CPO on aspects of program pertaining to NAFI employees.

i. Supply. Stock servmart with an ample supply of "Designated Smoking Area" and "No Smoking" signs.

6. Resolution of Conflicts. Normally, those individuals listed in paragraph 5a, above, will be the final authority in designating the use of an area as a smoking or non-smoking area. If a situation occurs in which the authority over an area is unclear or further determination for the use of an area of smoking or non-smoking is warranted, determination may be requested of the Inspector. The request must be in writing, signed by the individual requested, and sent via the authority or authorities in charge of the area in question. The Inspector will use his own best judgment in making a determination as to the use of an area. In all cases, his determination shall be final.

7. Concurrence. The Commanding Officers of MAG-13, 2d LAAM Bn, MACS-7, MWSS-371, MAWTS-1, VMFT-401, and CSSD-16 concur in and make this Directive applicable to their respective Commands.


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By direction

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