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MEMORANDUM FOR All Assigned/Attached Personnel, NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, Fort Bliss, Texas 79918-8002

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum # 20, Extremist Organizations and Activities

1. References.

a. Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(1) Article 92—Failure to obey a lawful general order or regulation.

(2) Article 116—Riot or breach of peace.

(3) Article 117—Provoking speeches or gestures.

(4) Article 133—Conduct unbecoming an officer.

(5) Article 134—General Article, specifically, conduct which is prejudicial to good order and discipline.

b. DoDI 1325.06 Handling Dissident and Protest Activities Among Members of the Armed Forces, 22 February 2012.

c. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 24 July 2020.

d. AR 190-24, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Boards and Off-Installation Liaison and Operations, 27 July 2006

2. Purpose. To outline the Commandant's policy on extremist organizations and activities for those assigned to NCOLCoE.

3. Participation/affiliation with extremist organizations, criminal gangs, or associated activities by Army personnel is inconsistent with the responsibilities of military service. It is every leader's responsibility to ensure adherence to good order and discipline in the unit. This policy identifies prohibited actions by Soldiers involving extremist organizations and activities.

a. Participation. Military personnel must reject participation in extremist organizations, criminal gangs and the associated activities, to include cyber participation and activities.

(1) Extremist organizations *and activities* are ones that advocate 1) racial, gender, sexual orientation, or ethical hatred or intolerance; 2) creating or engaging in discrimination based on race, color, gender, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation; 3) the use of force or violence or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights under the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States, or any State; 4) support for terrorist organizations or objectives; 5) the use of unlawful violence or force to achieve goals that are political, religious, discriminatory, or ideological in nature; 6) expressing a duty to engage in violence against DoD or the United States in support of a terrorist or extremist cause; 7) support for persons or organizations that promote or threaten the unlawful use of force or violence or criminal activity; 8) encouraging military or civilian personnel to violate laws or disobey lawful orders or regulations for the purpose of disrupting military activities (subversion); 9) participating in activities advocating or teaching the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force or violence, or seeking to alter the form of government by unconstitutional means (sedition).

(2) Criminal gangs and activities are ones that advocate the planning or commission of one or more criminal offenses, by persons who share a group identity, and may share a common name, slogan, tattoos, graffiti, clothing style or color, or other shared characteristics like the use of violence and intimidation to further its criminal objectives.

b. Prohibitions. Soldiers are prohibited from the following actions in support of extremist organizations or criminal gangs and the associated activities. Penalties for violations of these prohibitions include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions, including criminal (UCMJ), United States Code, as well as administrative sanctions.

(1) Participating in public demonstrations or rallies aimed at support extremist causes or activities.

(2) Attending a meeting or activity with the knowledge that the meeting or activity involves an extremist cause under the following conditions:

(a) Whether on or off duty.

(b) Whether in or out of uniform.

(c) In a foreign country (whether on or off-duty or in or out of uniform).

(d) It constitutes a breach of law and order.

(e) It is likely to result in violence.

(f) In violation of off-limits sanctions.

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- (3) Fundraising activities supporting extremist cause or activity.
- (4) Recruiting or training members (including encouraging other Soldiers to join).
- (5) Creating, organizing, or taking a visible leadership role in such an organization or activity.
- (6) Distributing literature on or off a military installation, the primary purpose and content of which concerns advocacy or support of extremist causes, organizations, or activities; and it appears that the literature presents a clear danger to the loyalty, discipline, or morale of military personnel or the distribution would materially interfere with the accomplishment of a military mission.
- (7) Receiving financial assistance from a person or organization who advocates terrorism, the unlawful use of force or violence to undermine or disrupt U.S. military operations, subversion, or sedition.
- (8) Knowingly wearing gang colors or clothing
- (9) Having tattoos or body markings associated with criminal gangs
- (10) Engaging in activities in furtherance of the objective of such gangs or organizations that are detrimental to good order, discipline, or mission accomplishment.

c. Good Order and Discipline. Army policy prohibits military personnel from engaging or participating in any activities that may adversely affect readiness, good order and discipline, or morale within the organization. This includes, but is not limited to, the display of symbols, flags, posters, or other displays being removed from barracks, visiting off-limits areas or activities (see AR 190–24), or participation in activities that are contrary to good order and discipline or morale of the unit or pose a threat to health, safety, and security of military personnel or a military installation.

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