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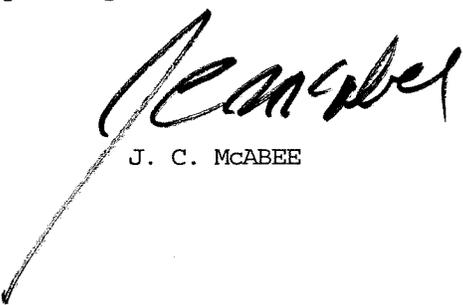
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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 1-02

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Hawaii  
To: Distribution List

Subj: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN AND AROUND BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS (BEQ)

1. Purpose. To provide guidance on the consumption of alcoholic beverages in and around Sergeant and below Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ).
2. Alcoholic beverages have long played a role in Marine Corps social functions both formal and informal. When used judiciously and sensibly, this is entirely fitting. At all times however, alcohol use must be weighed against our overriding need for military readiness, discipline, and community safety.
3. As living areas for large numbers of Marines and Sailors, BEQs do not constitute a fitting place for social functions involving alcohol; therefore, gatherings or parties involving alcohol in BEQs are prohibited. Unit functions in BEQ areas may be authorized for infrequent, non-routine occasions when an entire unit marks a unique military occasion such as the conclusion of arduous military duty or the anniversary of the establishment of military service, command, or organization. These events must be closely supervised and personnel must be in a non-duty status.
4. The optimum gathering place for any function is the Enlisted Club or other authorized MCCA sponsored activities. Unit commanders may establish "Beer Gardens" or other such areas outside of BEQs where residents may consume beer or wine only. These gatherings must be sensible in terms of quantity of alcohol, consistent with good order and discipline, and known to barracks watchstanders. Beer kegs are prohibited.
5. Individual use of alcohol within BEQ rooms is authorized under the following conditions:
  - 21 years of age or older
  - Beer and wine only
  - LCpl and below rooms may contain 1 six pack of beer or 1 bottle of wine per legal age occupant
  - NCO rooms may contain 2 six packs of beer or 2 bottles of wine per legal age occupant
6. This policy letter provides the regulations regarding alcohol consumption in BEQs. The requirement for successful implementation rests with every Marine and Sailor aboard the base. Leadership, supervision, and attention to duty have brought us battlefield success for over two centuries; these same tools will help ensure that our Marines and shipmates drink responsibly.
7. Filing Instructions. A copy of this Policy Letter shall be included in all unit watchstander and barracks Standard Operating Procedures, and its content incorporated into unit directives and orders.

  
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