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BASE ORDER 5370.6C

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: DISSIDENT AND PROTEST ACTIVITIES

Ref: (a) MCO 5370.4A
(b) BO 5605.2E

1. Purpose. To promulgate and implement policy consistent with references (a) and (b) governing dissident and protest activities and the participation therein by military personnel assigned to commands based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
2. Cancellation. BO 5370.6B.
3. Policy. Military commands at Camp Lejeune are a force-in-readiness and, as such, serve as an integral part of the Armed Forces of the United States in safeguarding the security of the United States. Consistent with the orderly accomplishment of this mission, Commanding Officers will ensure the individual's rights of lawful expression are preserved to the maximum extent possible, while preserving good order, discipline, and national security.
4. Action. The following will govern the sponsoring of, attendance at, or the participation in dissident or protest meetings and related activities by members of commands assigned at Camp Lejeune:
 - a. Any individual, groups of individuals, or organizations desiring to conduct a dissident or protest meeting or activity aboard Camp Lejeune shall submit an application for approval of such meeting/activity. The application should be addressed to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base via the applicant's chain of command, stating the date, time, place, purpose, names of individuals and/or groups sponsoring the meeting, identity of scheduled speakers and guests, approximate number expected to attend, and the methods of advertising or announcing the meeting. Applications to conduct a dissident or protest meeting or activity must be submitted in writing at least five work days prior to the proposed date of the activity.
 - (1) Each application should state that: "Attendance at the meeting or activity will not be restricted with regard to race, creed, or national origin."
 - (2) Prior to forwarding such requests, all Commanders in the applicant's chain of command must determine whether there is a danger to the loyalty, discipline, morale, or efficiency of the command; or if the meeting or methods to be employed would interfere with mission accomplishment. If such a danger is determined to exist, the Commander will deny the application and set forth the details.
 - (3) If a request for a meeting or activity is approved, the applicant's Commander will ensure that it is conducted within approved guidelines.
 - (4) Commanders should permit attendance by members of their commands at lawful meetings/activities, providing such attendance does not interfere with their performance of duty. Final action on all applications for dissident or protest meetings or activities will be determined by the

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Commanding General, Marine Corps Base. Approval for participation in subject activities by personnel deployed to other military installations or in a foreign country will be the prerogative of the individual's Commander.

(5) Before commencing any dissident or protest meeting or activity requiring approval under this Order, the persons organizing or conducting the meeting or activity shall be required to announce to all persons in attendance that prior authorization by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, was or was not obtained.

(6) No person shall conduct or organize any dissident or protest meeting or activity aboard Camp Lejeune without the expressed approval of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, or his designee.

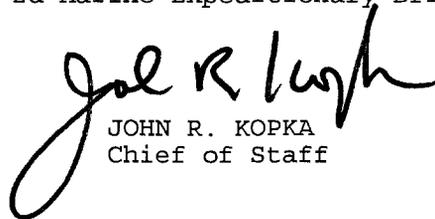
b. No person shall attend any dissident or protest meeting/activity or organized activity unless it has been approved. Personnel organizing, conducting, or attending a meeting or activity in violation of this Order are subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action.

5. Punitive Effect. Violations of the provisions of this Order by military personnel are punishable as violations of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

6. Summary of Revision. This revision contains a substantial number of changes and should be completely reviewed.

7. Dissemination. This Order should be conspicuously posted on all bulletin boards.

8. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Commanding Generals, II Marine Expeditionary Force; 2d Marine Division; 2d Force Service Support Group; and 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade.



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