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From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: REMOVAL OF PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 331/20 of 5 Jun 2020¹
(b) DODI 5200.08 CH 3 of 20 Nov 2015²
(c) MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 5530.15B of 10 Feb 2020³
(d) MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 5530.2B of 4 Jun 2019⁴

Encl: (1) Depiction of the Confederate Battle Flag
(2) Marine Corps Installations East Confederate Battle Flag Report

1. Situation. To establish policy and procedural guidance to remove the display of the Confederate Battle Flag (CBF) or its depiction within the work place, common-access areas, and from all public areas aboard all Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) installations.

2. Mission. This Order establishes procedures for the removal of the CBF in accordance with reference (a). Commanding Officers (CO)/Officers in Charge (OIC) will ensure the removal of the CBF or its depiction from all public areas and work areas in order to support our core values, ensure unit cohesion and security, and preserve good order and discipline in accordance with reference (b). Procedures regarding denial and access to MCIEAST installations will be made on a case-by-case basis pursuant to reference (c).

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Installation and unit commanders shall brief their personnel (Service Members and Department of Defense Civilian Employees) and Contractor Personnel on the prohibitions and requirements of this Order and its references.

¹ Found at <https://www.marines.mil/News/Messages/MARADMINS/>

² Found at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/issuances/dodi/>

³ Found at <https://www.mcieast.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Adjutant/Orders/5000/>

⁴ Found at <https://www.mcieast.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Adjutant/Orders/5000/>

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(b) All public and plain view displays or depictions of the CBF, as defined in reference (a) and paragraph 3a(2)(a) of this Order, are unauthorized while aboard MCIEAST installations. For example, it is prohibited to display the CBF within the work place, common-access areas, outside area of the work office building, barracks to include parking lots, front yard or external porch of government owned operated housing and public private venture (PPV) housing, commissaries and Navy Marine Corps Exchanges. This includes, but is not limited to, depiction of the CBF on automobile bumper stickers, vanity license plates, window tint, the physical display of the CBF on automobiles, clothing, mugs, posters, and other apparel, and the physical display of the CBF aboard base housing, that are otherwise not excluded from the definition of the CBF in reference (a) and paragraph 3a(2)(a) of this Order.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Definition. Pursuant to reference (a), the term "Confederate Battle Flag" refers to the battle flag carried by Confederate Armies during the U.S. Civil War. The CBF has various color schemes and configurations and is generally described as a flag with a red or blue field with two blue or red diagonal lines and white stars. See enclosure (1).

(b) Exceptions

1. Displays where the CBF is depicted, but not the main focus of the display. For example, works of art, educational, or historical displays depicting a civil war battle where the confederate battle flag is present, but not the main focus of the work.

2. State flags which incorporate the confederate battle flag.

3. State issued license plates with a depiction of the confederate battle flag.

(c) Unit Commanders

1. Shall inspect, semi-annually, and make every appropriate effort to remove the display of the CBF or its depiction within their areas of responsibility to include, but not limited to, work places, office buildings, aircraft, government vehicles, hangars, ready rooms, conference rooms, individual offices, cubicles, storage rooms, tool and equipment rooms, workshops, break rooms, galleys, recreational areas, and heads.

2. Shall not inspect inside assigned individual barracks room/living quarters, assigned desk drawers, assigned cabinets drawers, assigned lockers, backpacks, private automobiles, or PPV housing.

3. When inspecting pursuant to paragraph 3a(2)(c)1 of this Order, unit commanders shall apply the definition of the CBF as contained in paragraph 3a(2)(a) of this Order, neutrally and objectively, and shall not take into account their own personal views or opinions, or that of any other individual or group. As outlined in paragraph 3a(2)(b) of this Order, the definition of CBF has many exceptions. When in doubt, commanders shall consult with the Staff Judge Advocate for advice and guidance.

4. Document all instances involving the public or plain view display of the CBF, or its depiction. See enclosure (2).

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(d) Provost Marshal Office (PMO)

1. Public display or depiction of the CBF is prohibited on all MCIEAST installations. Those who refuse to comply with this Order will be denied access to the installations in accordance with the references.

2. While conducting identification card checks, at all gates, at all MCIEAST installations, visually inspect and screen vehicles and persons for the public or plain view display of the CBF or its depiction. A reasonable opportunity to comply will be afforded to those seeking access. Exceptions are described in paragraph 3a(2)(b) of this Order.

3. While patrolling the installation, conduct plain view screening of parking lots, parked vehicles, buildings, grounds, base housing, and any public areas for the CBF display or depiction. Report all violations to the unit commander, building manager, and/or area commander with the exact location of the item(s) and the owner's identification if known.

4. If displays or depictions of the CBF on an automobile becomes public while aboard any MCIEAST installation, order the driver to comply with this Order. A reasonable opportunity to comply will be afforded to those seeking continued access. Individuals driving vehicles who refuse to comply with this Order shall be denied access to the installation and subject to potential vehicle towage at owner expense.

5. Document all instances involving the public or plain view display of the CBF, or its depiction, and provide a report to the respective Installations Commander, (ATTN: SJA), semi-annually. See enclosure (2).

4. Administration and Logistics

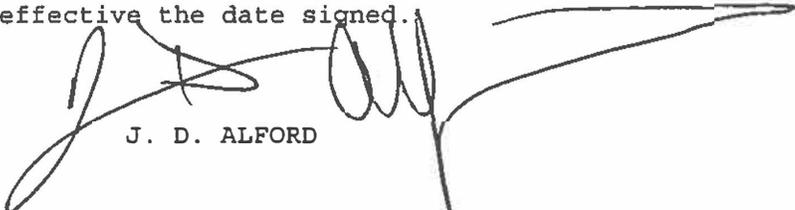
a. This Order is punitive. Any violations of this order by service members are subject to adverse administrative action and/or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Civilians, including but not limited to, employees, contractors, dependents and guests, are not subject to the UCMJ, but may be subject to a denial of access and may be the subject of debarment proceedings from the installation(s) in accordance with reference (d) or applicable Federal and Service disciplinary actions if they display the CBF in public aboard any MCIEAST installation.

b. Appeals. MCIEAST CG, or designee, will resolve all disputed matters regarding the application of this order via a formal written appeal. All matters appealed to the MCIEAST CG will be routed through the chain of command via official correspondence.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all MCIEAST subordinate installations and commands and all tenant commands aboard MCIEAST installations.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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