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SALES AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

History. This regulation is a revision. Portions affected by this revision are explained in the summary statement.

Summary. This regulation defines persons and activities authorized to sell and consume alcoholic beverages, and the location of activities where alcoholic beverages may be sold or consumed on the Fort Benning military reservation. This revision stipulates that alcoholic beverages will not be dispensed or sold to military personnel on duty at any time.

Applicability. This regulation applies to military and civilian personnel working, residing, or using facilities on the Fort Benning military reservation.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of local forms are prohibited without approval from the Commander, United States Army Infantry Center (USAIC), ATTN: IMSE-BEN-MWB, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905.

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, USAIC. Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to the Commander, USAIC, ATTN: IMSE-BEN-MWB, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5223.

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packaged alcoholic beverages to unauthorized personnel (those who do not have a military ID card and/or are under the legal age) is prohibited.

(2) Alcoholic beverages will not be sold to active duty soldiers who have not reached 21, either for consumption on the premises of any exchange-operated activities or in bulk for consumption elsewhere. Civilians must be 21 years of age. Positive proof of age will be determined prior to sales.

1. Purpose.

To prescribe policy and procedures for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Fort Benning.

2. References.

a. Required publications.

AR 215-1, Management and Operation of Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

b. Referenced publications.

USAIC Regulation 190-5, Vehicle Traffic Regulation
USAIC Regulation 210-5, Garrison Regulation

3. Explanation of abbreviations.

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4. Responsibilities.

a. Director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DMWR). Ensures that each activity manager in the DMWR that sells or dispenses alcoholic beverages posts signs defined in paragraph 4c and operates in full compliance with the provisions of this regulation.

b. Managers of Fort Benning Exchange. Managers of AAFES Class VI Stores will ensure that:

(1) Only ID card holders of the legal drinking age (Para 4c below) will be sold alcoholic beverages. The resale or transfer of

c. Activity Managers.

(1) Managers of activities that dispense alcoholic beverages in bulk or by the drink will display the following signs in each dispensing location to announce policy.

(a) By the drink:

- Schedule of days and hours.
- State law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to any persons under 21 years of age.
- Printed list or beverage menu showing the prices of alcoholic beverages will be available at bars and/or tables.

(b) In bulk:

- Schedule of days and hours
- State law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverage to any person under 21 years of age.
- Alcoholic beverages are for the personal use of authorized patrons. Reselling or giving beverages as a gift to anyone other than an eligible package store patron is prohibited.
- Exact quantity of tax-free alcoholic beverages that may be transported legally into or through the State.
- "Warning: Military personnel under 21 years of age are not authorized by state law to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on or off the Fort Benning military reservation. Military personnel are prohibited from transferring alcoholic beverages to any person under age 21. Violators will be subject to state jurisdiction and may also be subject to the UCMJ and adverse administrative action."

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(2) When functions are attended by persons under and over the legal drinking age, authorized patrons and guests who are 21 will have an appropriate identification.

d. Battalion Commanders.

Battalion commanders can authorize, by letter, the conduct of social functions in restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages, such as, Hail and Farewell luncheons. If uniforms are required proper uniforms to be worn at such functions are Class B or Class A.

5. General.

a. Initiatives of the government have resulted in the raising of the legal drinking age in several states. Army regulations concerning the legal drinking age are promulgated on the law of the state(s) in which installations are located. Alcoholic beverages by the drink, can, or bottle, or packaged (bulk) sales will not be made to soldiers unless they are 21 years of age. All other personnel at Fort Benning must also be 21 years of age in order to purchase, possess, and/or consume alcoholic beverages on Fort Benning. These policies are based upon the laws of both Georgia and Alabama.

b. Bona-fide guests may purchase alcoholic beverages by the drink if they meet Fort Benning age requirements, but may not purchase in bulk.

c. The only Fort Benning activities/satellites authorized to sell alcoholic beverages are the MWR Business Operations Division, Officers' Club, NCO/Enlisted Clubs, Golf Course Snack Bar, Bowling Center lounges, Benning Brew Pub, Uchee Creek Country Store, Destin Army Recreation Center, Afterhours Community Activity Center, Gator Lounge at Camp Rudder or authorized MWR Concession – El Zapata, Overhang Club at Camp Merrill and the Fort Benning AAFES Class Six Store(s), AAFES Shoppettes, Troop Stores, Main Post Exchange, Pizza Hut, and Anthony's Pizza. There are no exceptions to this authority.

d. Malt beverages and wine may be consumed in recreation centers upon written approval by the Commanding General on special occasions.

e. Activities authorized to sell alcohol may sell and serve alcoholic beverages at catered parties or events catered at locations on the installation where consumption of alcoholic beverages is authorized. If approved by the Commanding General authorized activities may cater alcoholic beverages with less than 7 percent alcohol at authorized location on the installation. No alcoholic beverages may be transported off the installation for use at off-post catering functions.

f. Fort Benning personnel must be informed of the legal drinking ages of Georgia and Alabama and be made aware that they are responsible to observe them when off post in those states. This is a command responsibility.

6. Policies.

a. The consumption of alcoholic beverages in all public areas on the Fort Benning military reservation, unless otherwise authorized or designated by the Commanding General, is prohibited except as specifically allowed herein. This prohibition does not apply to facilities authorized by law, regulation, the post commander, or his delegate to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Such facilities include Food, Beverage and Entertainment (FB&E), which includes military clubs, authorized concessionaires, concerts, golf, bowling, Uchee Creek, Destin, Afterhours Community Activity Center, Overhang Club, Gator Lounge, special events (Dinner Theaters, 4th July Celebration, Oktoberfest), and authorized exchange outlets such as cafeterias and snack bars. Residential houses and the surrounding yard are excluded from this prohibition.

b. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by military personnel on duty is prohibited except where specifically authorized herein.

(1) Battalion commanders and above may authorize alcoholic beverages for unit parties, functions, and picnics. The authorized commander is responsible for the conduct of all individuals attending such functions and ensuring that persons under the age of 21 do not drink alcohol.

(2) Battalion commanders and above may request through the DMWR to the Garrison Commander the authority to provide alcoholic beverages to underage soldiers to foster camaraderie and friendship in a military environment on infrequent, non-routine military occasions when the entire unit, as a group, marks a uniquely military occasion. In order for underage soldiers to drink alcohol at one of these occasions, the event must be held on the installation and commanders are responsible to ensure appropriate controls are in place to prevent endangering soldiers and the surrounding community.

c. The use or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a boat or the passenger/driver compartment of any motor vehicle is prohibited. To transport or possess any alcoholic beverage in a boat or the passenger/driver compartment of any motor vehicle when the manufacturer's seal has been broken or the bottle, can, or keg has otherwise been opened is prohibited. USAIC Regulation 210-5, USAIC Regulation 190-5, and applicable state laws prohibit operating a boat or driving while intoxicated, and is punishable under Article 111 of the UCMJ.

d. The prohibitions listed in paragraphs a through c are punitive and violation of them can or may lead to prosecution under the UCMJ and/or administrative actions or sanctions.

7. **Exception to policy.** Requests for exception to any provisions of this regulation will be written and will include the date and time of the event and actions that will be taken to ensure consumption of alcohol at the event will not have adverse impact on individuals at the function or the surrounding community. Request for exceptions will be forwarded through the DMWR to the Commanding General.

Glossary

Section 1

Abbreviations

AAFES.....Army and Air Force Exchange Service
DMWR.....Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation
ID.....Identification
NCO.....Noncommissioned Officer
PX.....Post Exchange
UCMJ.....Uniform Code of Military Justice
USAIC.....United States Army Infantry Center

Section II

Terms

Alcoholic Beverages

Any beverage containing alcohol in excess of 0.5% by weight, it includes beer, wine, liquor (distilled spirits), all "coolers," liqueurs, and champagne. Beverages that contain less than 0.5% alcohol by weight, such as "No-Al Beer," are not alcoholic and are not subject to the provisions of this regulation.

Dispensing

The serving of an alcoholic beverage by the drink in a facility for on-premise consumption. Example: Ordering in addition to drinking beer in the Benning Brew Pub, a mixed drink in the Officers' Club, or a beer in the bowling center lounge.

Packaged Sales

Sales of alcoholic beverages in bulk for consumption at another location. Examples: Purchase a bottle of liquor at the Class VI Store for consumption in quarters or purchase a six-pack of beer from the PX for consumption on a picnic.

NOTE: Unauthorized distribution by sale or gift of alcoholic beverages to underage persons is prohibited and punishable under the UCMJ.


Legal drinking age for Georgia & Alabama is 21 years.

Bona Fide Guest An individual who has been specifically invited to a facility or function by an authorized patron, which patron assumes responsibility for the actions of the guest and payment for any merchandise or services provided the guest.

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