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POLICY LETTER 3-08

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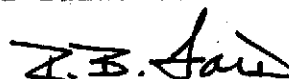
Subj: LIVING OFF-BASE WHILE NOT RECEIVING BAH OWN RIGHT

1. The purpose of this policy letter is to highlight the fact that many Marines who ultimately face some degree of disciplinary action are often found to be residing off base while also maintaining a barracks room. These Marines are not receiving BAH and are usually from our most junior ranks.

2. It is not currently my intent to discourage responsible Marines from residing off base, but I am communicating my policy that each aforementioned Marine will make this command aware in writing if they currently reside off base without receiving BAH or if they plan to do so in the near future.

3. It has become obvious to me that we as a Command are learning of Marines' off base status not before an infraction occurs but well after a Marine has gotten himself or herself into a bad situation. Several common themes exist: Marines are cohabitating with less than desirable "friends" from back home or new persons they subsequently met shortly after moving to MCAS Yuma. These Marines are developing bad habit patterns in regards to liberty conduct. These Marines wrongly perceive that they are less accountable for their actions or they have less stringent liberty reporting requirements due to their off base status. These Marines are young and their problems almost always involve underage drinking.

4. Marines will immediately identify their current off-base status to me through their chain of command; any subsequent desire to do so will be processed using the standard AA form. Unit leaders must use discretion when considering Marines for off base residence. We will all be held accountable for allowing young Marines to potentially live in an atmosphere that supports personal or professional failure.


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