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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Policy Memorandum #24-14 Motorcycle (MC) Safety Training, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and Mentorship Program

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6055.04, DoD Traffic Safety Program, 20 April 2009.
- b. USASETAF Regulation 190-1, Traffic Supervision and Privately Owned Vehicles Operator Licenses.
- c. Commander USAREUR Memorandum- MC Safety Reflective Apparel for MC Operators and Passengers, dated 27 June, 2013.

2. Policy

a. General. Leaders at all levels are responsible for the complete implementation of this policy and must ensure all Soldiers in their organizations are in compliance. Motorcycle (MC) accidents continue to be a leading cause of Soldier fatalities and serious injuries. Trends suggest excessive speed, reckless driving, and operator inexperience as the most common reasons. Leaders must take an active role in (MC) accident prevention. Training, leader involvement and enforcement of standards, leader and Soldier mentorship, combined with risk management can reduce this unnecessary loss of life and injury.

b. Concept. Every Leader and Soldier must be dedicated to reducing (MC) accidents. This policy includes mandatory training, leader mentorship, and the reinforcement of a Soldier's personal responsibility and commitment to riding safe.

3. Mandatory (MC) training: Under the Progressive MC Program, all Soldiers who operate a MC are required to take the following MC training:

- a. MC Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) or Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installation and Environment) (DUSD (I&E)) endorsed, State-approved, curriculum for MC operator's safety training.
- b. Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or the MSF BRC-II.
- c. Military Sport bike Riders Course (MSRC) or MSF Advanced Rider Course (ARC).
- d. MC refresher training (MRT) for Soldiers deployed for more than 180 days.

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e. DA Civilian employees who operate MCs in the performance of their duties will complete the training requirements of this section.

f. Military retirees, and military Family members/dependents are not permitted to attend Army sponsored training on a space available basis.

g. Within twelve months after completing a BRC, SMs must complete an ERC/ BRC-II or a MSRC. This course is valid for five years at which time the SMs must retake the ERC or MSRC.

h. Additionally, SMs after a 5-year period of inactivity or upon acquisition of a new or change in MC(s), SMs will again have to complete sustainment training by retaking the ERC or MSRC. Although not mandatory, SMs are also encouraged to go through sustainment training again by retaking the courses after a major geographical change.

#### 4. Licensing

a. Service Members (SMs) who have a US State issued MC endorsement must complete an initial MSF BRC during their Army career before receiving a USAREUR MC endorsement unless the SM has completed a DUSD (I&E) endorsed, State-approved curriculum for MC operator's safety training. This is a one-time requirement.

b. MC applicants for a US Forces Certificate of License must have a valid State license with an MC endorsement in order to complete training provided by local Drivers Training/Testing Station, which then will issue a temporary license allowing them to complete local BRC or MSF courses.

c. SMs will receive a license according to training received at the time of in processing. BRC and/or ERC training certifications must be current to receive a USAREUR license. If the date of training reflects expired certification, 1 year or 5 years, the SM must accomplish training before a license to operate a MC is issued.

#### 5. MC Sustainment Training.

Based on the type of MC owned or operated, Soldiers are required to complete MC sustainment training within 5 years of completing an ERC/BRC-II or MSRC/ARC which consists of, at a minimum, retaking an ERC/BRC-II or MSRC/ARC. A Soldier can meet the sustainment training requirement, at no expense to the Government, by taking an Army-approved advanced level MC course. A list of courses meeting the criteria is located on the USACR/Safety Center Web site (<https://safety.army.mil>).

#### 6. Personal Protective Equipment

a. Helmets. For personnel riding MCs and ATVs outside in Italy, helmets must meet the Host Nation requirements, approved by the European Union and contain the E-# certification on the helmet. All helmets shall be properly fastened under the chin. IAW Article 171 of the Italian Road Code, a helmet with characteristics that are in compliance with the regulations issued by the European Community (EC). EC regulations require all helmets to follow Regulation ECE/ONU 22/05, which requires a label on

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helmet straps carrying the approval mark, the terms of the approval and the progressive number of manufacturing. Italian Road Code dictates that approved MC helmets will be identified by an approval mark consisting of a capital letter "E," followed by the country number indicator, which is "3." Helmets must be properly fastened under the chin. Half shell helmets are prohibited in Italy.

b. Eye protection. Eye protection designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1, reference (z) for impact and shatter resistance includes goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet). A windshield or fairing does not constitute eye protection.

c. Foot protection. Foot protection includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn).

d. Protective clothing. Protective clothing includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material. MC jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura® and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged.

(1) Additionally, personnel must adhere to the following; Soldiers will wear a vest, jacket, upper outer garment, or MC clothing that incorporates fluorescent and highly reflective material at all times when operating or riding as a passenger on the vehicles described above, on and off post, regardless of local civilian requirements. Military uniforms, including Army physical fitness test wear that is designed to be reflective, do not meet this criterion.

(2) All MC operators and passengers must ensure reflective outer garments are properly secured, clearly visible, and not covered. The lightweight mesh physical training vest is not authorized to be worn as a fluorescent and reflective vest, vest may, however, be used to cover a backpack, but must be secured.

e. Commanders will ensure all personnel operating MCs, mopeds, motorbikes, all terrain vehicles, or similar vehicles on an Army installation meet the training requirements and wear the mandated personal protective equipment (PPE) listed in the references.

f. Leaders must spot check their Soldiers to ensure they are wearing the proper PPE while entering and exiting U.S. Army installations.

#### 7. Leader Mentorship program responsibilities.

a. Support and promote unit level MC safety activities within regulatory limits.

b. Promote activities that reinforce positive training, mentorship and riding.

c. Identify unit MC riders and ensure face to face counseling (to include a brief on this policy) between first line supervisors and Soldiers. Riders must be identified by type of MC and assigned to the appropriate mentor.

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d. Enforce MC training requirements.

e. Appoint a Senior Mentor on appointment orders to administer the program, and select mentors to coach unit riders. Unit mentors will;

(1) Be an experienced (five years or more on the appropriate MC type) and current rider in good standing. Mentor should be mature, and a leader.

(2) Sport bike mentors will complete the ERC/MSRC

(3) Act as a conduit of information to Soldiers for MC safety education and awareness.

(4) Set the standard for responsible, safe riding.

(5) Mentor Soldiers in purchasing, riding and maintaining MCs.

(6) Monitor and evaluate Soldier's skill development and recommends appropriate training. Ensure Soldiers attend appropriate training.

(7) Track and inform the commander of Soldier's riding progress and completed training.

(8) Organize and promote activities to enhance MC safety by unit affiliation or riding events.

(9) Promote command objectives related to MC safety.

(10) Maintain records on all MC riders in the unit. The records will consist of a copy of state driver's license, AFI driver's license, MSF BRC, ERC, and MSRC completion card, insurance, and registration.

8. Individual Responsibilities.

a. Comply with installation and host nation operating requirements. The MSF card issued as proof of completion shall be carried at all times and presented upon request when entering the installation.

b. Use risk management when purchasing, riding, and maintaining MCs.

c. Properly maintain and wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for both on and off post riding. Operators must ensure that passengers comply with the PPE requirements.

d. Support unit MC initiatives.

e. Identify themselves to the chain of command at the time of assignment to the unit and when planning to purchase a MC.

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f. Seek out mentorship from skilled, responsible, and positive riders. Demonstrate self discipline and defensive driving when operating a MC.

g. Recognize the inherently dangerous nature of MC operation and do not join or participate in activities that contribute to high risk behavior.

9. PUNITIVE ORDER. Soldiers who fail to comply with the requirements of this policy are subject to adverse administrative action and/or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

10. The point of contact for this program is Garrison Safety Office, 634-8109.



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