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NARR/REF A IS A SECDEF-APPROVED EXORD MODIFICATION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO STOP ALL DOD INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (CANCELLED BY REF H). REF B IS A SECDEF MEMORANDUM RESTRICTING DOD TRAVEL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (CANCELLED BY REF H). REF C IS A DEPSECDEF MEMORANDUM DIRECTING STOP MOVEMENT FOR ALL DOMESTIC TRAVEL (CANCELLED BY REF H). REF D IS MARADMIN 162/20 UPDATE #2 US MARINE CORPS DISEASE CONTAINMENT PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19); TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND PERSONNEL GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL. REF E IS MARADMIN 167/20 UPDATE #3: U.S. MARINE CORPS DISEASE CONTAINMENT PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): STOP MOVEMENT. REF F IS MARADMIN 193/20 UPDATE #4: U.S MARINE CORPS DISEASE CONTAINMENT PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID19): DOD OCONUS STOP MOVEMENT. REF G IS OUSD (P&R) FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE (SUPPLEMENT 4) DOD GUIDANCE FOR PERSONNEL TRAVELLING DURING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK. REF H IS SECDEF MEMORANDUM MODIFICATION AND REISSUANCE OF DOD RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 – TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. REF I IS OUSD (P&R) MODIFICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZED DEPARTURES AND ORDERED DEPARTURES RELATED TO COVID-19. REF J IS DODI 1235.12: ACCESSING THE RESERVE COMPONENTS. REF K IS SECDEF MEMORANDUM DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR RESERVE COMPONENT ACTIVATION AUTHORITIES DURING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE. REF L IS ALNAV 044/20, REISSUANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019.//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. This MARADMIN implements travel restriction guidance contained in reference H and cancels MARADMINs 162/20, 167/20, and 193/20 (references D, E, and F). This MARADMIN modifies and reissues timelines set forth in those MARADMINs consistent with the SECDEF Memo (reference H), and should be closely reviewed. DC M&RA will provide clarifying guidance via SEPCOR on matters related to assignments, EAS/ECC/RECC, entitlements, and allowances impacted by the COVID-19 response actions.

#### 1.A. Background.

1.A.1. Reference E directed a 60-day CONUS stop movement until 11 May 2020. Reference F directed a 60-day OCONUS stop movement until 24 May 2020. Reference H cancels previously issued DoD travel guidance and directs stop movement for domestic and international travel until 30 June 2020, in order to limit the continuing spread of COVID-19. SECDEF will review this policy every 15 days to determine if travel can resume earlier than 30

June 2020.

2. Mission. The Marine Corps will implement the guidance provided in reference H to protect the force while continuing the mission of the Corps.

3. Execution.

3.A. Commander's Intent.

3.A.1. Purpose. Promulgate updated CMC guidance to the force for CONUS and OCONUS travel restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

3.A.2. Method. No Change.

3.A.3. End State. No Change.

3.B. Concept of Operations. The Marine Corps will institute the guidance contained in this MARADMIN, and comply with the movement restrictions contained herein.

3.C. Tasks.

3.C.1. Effective immediately, this MARADMIN extends the ongoing travel restrictions for domestic and international travel to 30 June 2020, unless rescinded or further extended. All Marines and Marine Corps civilian personnel and their sponsored family members not under the responsibility of a U.S. Chief of Mission will comply with this MARADMIN, subject to the exemptions and waivers described herein.

3.C.2. This MARADMIN applies to all official travel, including temporary duty (TDY) travel, government-funded leave travel, permanent duty travel, including Permanent Change of Station (PCS) travel, and travel related to Authorized and Ordered Departures issued by the Department of State (reference I). It also includes personal leave and non-official travel for uniformed personnel outside the local area (Marines are only authorized local leave and liberty).

3.C.2.A. Civilian personnel are strongly encouraged to avoid personal leave outside the local area. Upon return from approved leave outside the local area, civilian personnel may be asked to telework or exercise leave options as appropriate.

3.C.3. Exemptions. Personnel in the following circumstances are exempt from these travel restrictions:

3.C.3.A. Travel associated with recruiting and accessions activities, to include basic training, advanced individual training, and follow-on travel to the first duty station. Accordingly:

3.C.3.A.1. Marines within the entry level training pipeline (including enlisted/officer lateral moves) between basic training (e.g., Recruit Training and Officer Candidate School) and their first or subsequent (lateral move) permanent duty station (PDS) will continue movement to their PDS.

3.C.3.A.2. Officer students and officer commissioning program Marines in receipt of orders to The Basic School (TBS), schools, or universities will continue movement per their orders.

3.C.3.A.3. Marines in direct support of the Accession Supply Chain will continue movement to their accession-related PDS. These Marines are recruiters and others assigned to Marine Corps Recruiting Command; Drill Instructors and Marines assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Training Regiments; and the instructors and staff at the Schools of Infantry, Officer Candidate School, TBS and Formal Learning Centers.

3.C.3.A.4. DC, M&RA (MPP) will notify ASN (M&RA), prior to reducing or suspending recruiting, accessions, basic training, or advanced individual training.

3.C.3.B. Travel by patients, as well as their authorized escorts and attendants, and medical providers for the purposes of medical treatment for Marines and their family members.

3.C.3.C. Travel for Global Force Management (GFM) activities (defined as deployments/redeployments ordered in the GFM Allocation Plan and Combatant Command Assigned Force Demand tasking, including Service internal rotations to support, and TDY used to source ordered capabilities). Such travel to execute Operations, Activities, and Investments or Service-related training will be coordinated between the Combatant Command, the Joint Staff, and HQMC PP&O. In accordance with current policy guidance, specific GFM activities will be handled through normal GFM processes and procedures in coordination with COMMARFORCOM and DC, PP&O (PO/POC/F). All GFM scheduled deployments/redeployments of U.S. Navy vessels and embarked units and personnel is authorized, provided they are in-transit and have met the 14-day restriction of movement requirements outlined in reference G and any applicable subsequent guidance.

3.C.3.D. Authorized travelers who departed their permanent duty station and are "awaiting transportation," and by authorized travelers who have already initiated travel (including intermediate stops), are authorized to continue travel to their final destination on approved orders.

3.C.3.E. Authorized travelers whose TDY ends while this MARADMIN is in effect are authorized to return to their permanent duty station.

3.C.3.F. Individuals pending retirement or separation.

3.C.3.G. Authorized travelers under the authority of a Chief of Mission and authorized by that Chief of Mission.

3.C.4. Waivers.

3.C.4.A. Waivers to these restrictions may be granted in writing in cases where the travel is (1) determined to be mission-essential; (2) necessary for humanitarian reasons; or (3) warranted due to extreme hardship. These waivers are to be executed on a case-by-case basis, must be determined to be in the best interest of the Service, and shall be coordinated between the gaining and losing commands.

3.C.4.B. Mission-essential travel refers to work that must be performed to ensure the continued operations of mission-essential functions, as determined by the responsible authority.

3.C.4.C. Until the travel restrictions prescribed above are lifted or an appropriate travel waiver has been approved, units may continue to onboard only civilian employees within the local commuting area and those whose travel to the local commuting area is not government-funded.

3.C.4.D. Approval authority for waivers belongs to:

3.C.4.D.1. The Combatant Commander if the individual is assigned or allocated to a Combatant Command.

3.C.4.D.2. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the individual is assigned to the Joint Staff.

3.C.4.D.3. The Chief Management Officer for personnel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Agencies, DoD Field Activities and any other DoD entities not listed above.

3.C.4.D.4. The Commandant of the Marine Corps for service-retained personnel. This authority is delegated to the first General Officer or member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) or

**equivalent in the Marine's chain of command.**

3.D. Reserves. Reserve component mobilizations and movements will be managed IAW references J and K.

3.E. Additional guidance.

3.E.1. Commanding Officers will clearly communicate the contents of this MARADMIN to those affected by these travel restrictions.

3.E.2. Establish pre and post-travel screening, reception procedures, and restriction of movement as appropriate for all service members, DoD civilian employees, contractor personnel, and family members as provided in reference G and any applicable subsequent guidance. This includes establishing a means of communication with all personnel throughout the pre and post-travel screening and reception process and providing information regarding prescribed actions for their particular circumstances. Authorized travelers will adhere to the most current Force Health Protection restriction of movement guidelines found at the website listed in paragraph 4.A.1.

3.E.3. Use military or DoD-contracted end-to-end travel for DoD-sponsored travelers to the greatest extent practical.

3.E.4. Inform all travelers of their responsibility to contact their gaining organization in advance of travel and to keep the organization updated on their travel itinerary.

**3.E.5. Document within travel orders the exemption or waiver under which the travel is authorized.**

3.E.6. Upon approval of a PCS travel waiver (in naval letter format), the command shall provide a copy to the impacted Marine, and will forward the approval for appropriate PCS orders modification to DC, M&RA (MM) for active component Marines and to DC, M&RA (RA) for Active Reserve Marines.

4. Administration and Logistics.

4.A. Administration.

4.A.1. Reference: The latest Force Health Protection Supplement guidance can be found at <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>.

4.B. Logistics.

4.B.1. Per reference H, U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) is authorized to continue execution of the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise as required to project and sustain the Joint Force globally. This includes forces (aircrews, vessel crews, and mission essential personnel) ordered by the SECDEF on prepare to deploy orders (PTDO) alert status, air refueling, Global Patient Movement, Mortuary Affairs support, inland surface, sea and air sustainment missions, support to other U.S. Agencies as approved by SECDEF, and moves of personnel and equipment that support USTRANSCOM global posture requirements.

4.C. Commanders will report costs incurred and savings realized due to guidance contained in this MARADMIN via comptrollers to DC P&R through established weekly reports.

4.D. This MARADMIN has been coordinated with HQMC, Health Services–Preventive Medicine, HQMC Judge Advocate Division, DC M&RA, DC I&L, DC P&R, DC I, DC CD&I, Marine Corps Installations Command, Communication Directorate, and the Office of Legislative Affairs.

5. Command and Signal.

5.A. Command. This MARADMIN applies to the Total Force.

5.B. Signal. This MARADMIN is effective upon release. Ensure widest dissemination.

6. This message is approved for release by LtGen G. W. Smith, Jr. Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations.//