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POLICY LETTER 19-15

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii  
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Subj: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN AND AROUND BACHELOR QUARTERS

1. Purpose. Publish guidance on the consumption of alcoholic beverages in and around Bachelor Quarters (BQs).

2. Cancellation. Policy Letter 9-11.

3. Information

a. The only type of alcohol authorized for consumption or storage in the BQ is beer, wine, wine coolers or malt beverages that have less than 7.5 percent alcohol content.

b. As living areas for large numbers of Marines and Sailors, BQs do not constitute a fitting place for social functions involving alcohol; therefore, gatherings or parties involving alcohol in BQs is prohibited. Unit functions in BQ areas may be authorized for infrequent, non-routine occasions when an entire unit marks a unique military occasion such as the conclusion of arduous military duty or the anniversary of the establishment of military service, command, or organization. These events must be closely supervised and personnel must be of the proper drinking age and be in a non-duty status. Any exceptions must be authorized by the Base Commander.

c. The optimum gatherings place for functions is the Enlisted Club or other authorized MCCS sponsored locations. Unit commanders may establish "Beer Gardens" or other such areas outside of BQs where residents may consume beer, wine, wine coolers, or malt beverages only. These gatherings must be sensible in terms of quantity of alcohol, consistent with good order and discipline, and be known to barracks watch standers. Beer kegs are prohibited.

d. Individual use of alcohol within the BQ rooms is authorized under the following conditions:

- 21 years or older
- Beer, wine, wine cooler, malt beverage only
- LCpl and below rooms may contain one six pack or one bottle of wine per legal age occupant

e. This policy letter provides the regulations regarding alcohol consumption in the BQs. The requirement for successful implementation rests with every Marine and Sailor aboard the base. Tenant Commanders may apply stricter alcohol consumption guidance to personnel residing within their BQ spaces.

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4. Scope. This policy letter is applicable to Marine Corps Base Hawaii subordinate and tenant commands.

  
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