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MSGID/GENADMIN/AF//FLAG DISPLAYS

REFERENCES

- a. Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Public Display or Depiction of Flags in the Department of Defense," 16 July 2020
- b. Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum, "Equality," 3 June 2020
- c. DoDI 5200.08, para 3, "Security of DoD Installations and Resources and Physical Security Review Board," 20 Nov 15

GENTEXT/REMARKS/

Narr//(U) Reference (a) is forwarded to installation commanders for immediate implementation.

1. (U) The American Flag has represented our Nation for 243 years. This magnificent flag was flown during the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. On July 20th 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts planted the Stars and Stripes on the moon. Today, it is carried by aircrew on missions around the world and flown on the side of satellites orbiting the earth. For millions of people around the globe, the American Flag represents the ideal that all are created equal. As we protect the Nation, our Air and Space Forces are focused on what unites us, including the Stars and Stripes.

2. (U) Authorized flags. Many flags promote unity and esprit de corps (Ref a). All Airmen and Space Professionals, active, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Department of the Air Force (DAF) civilians, are authorized and encouraged to fly the American flag. Other flags that may be displayed or depicted include: flags of U.S. States and Territories and the District of Columbia, Military Service flags, General Officer and Senior Executive Service flags, the POW/MIA flag, flags of U.S. Allies and Partners, flags of organizations of which the U.S. is a member (e.g. NATO) and ceremonial, command, unit flags and guidons.

3. (U) Commanders are charged with the authority and responsibility to take reasonable, necessary, and lawful measures to maintain good order and discipline on areas under their control. To that end, commanders have the authority to inspect for, and order the removal of, flags and depictions of flags that they determine will adversely affect good order and discipline

or morale within their commands. The flags and depictions we display must promote good order and discipline, and reflect the imperative that we treat all people with dignity and respect, rejecting divisive symbols IAW Ref a.

4. (U) This guidance applies to all Department of the Air Force personnel on DAF bases, installations and facilities that receive federal funding, and within those work places, common access areas, and public areas, including but not limited to:

a. (U) Office buildings, facilities, aircraft, government vehicles, hangers, garages, armories, ready rooms, conference rooms, offices, cubicles, storage rooms, tool and equipment rooms, workshops, breakrooms, kitchens, recreational areas, commissaries, Army and Air Force Exchanges, and restrooms. This includes property leased by the DAF;

b. (U) Sensitive compartmented information facilities and other secure facilities;

c. (U) Dorms, bachelor quarters, lodging, and their common areas;

d. (U) Schools and training facilities;

e. (U) All spaces or items in public or plain view, such as: outside any building, government operated or public-private venture housing (e.g., parking lots, yards, gazebos, porches, etc.); and

f. (U) Government information systems (e.g., computer screens, mobile phones, etc.).

5. (U) Flags or depictions of flags that present the potential to adversely affect good order and discipline or morale in other settings may be displayed in DAF museums when depicting a divisive symbol from a neutral, historical, or educational perspective; works of art; educational and historic displays; State-issued license plates; grave sites, monuments, and memorials.

6. (U) Commanders shall apply this guidance neutrally and objectively, and shall not take into account their own personal views or opinions, or that of any other individual or group. If health and welfare inspections are conducted, commanders will not inspect inside the following: assigned individual barracks rooms/living quarters, assigned desk or cabinet drawers, assigned lockers, backpacks, private automobiles, government-owned/government operated housing and public private venture housing.

7. (U) Points of contact. Point of contact is Lt Gen Timothy G. Fay, HAF/DS. Lt Gen Fay can be contacted commercial 703-695-7913, DSN 312-225-1913, or unclassified email timothy.g.fay.mil@mail.mil.