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From: Commanding General  
To: All Hands

Subj: ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT IN CALIFORNIA

Ref: (a) 21 U.S.C. 811  
(b) 21 U.S.C. 847 ET AL  
(c) Executive Order 12564  
(d) CCO 111101.12N

1. Purpose. On 8 November 2016, the state of California approved Proposition 64, which is also known as the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA). Among other items, the act legalized possession and use of up to one ounce of marijuana and personal use cultivation up to six plants per residence by adults 21 and over. The AUMA takes effect 1 January 2018, but it does not justify violation of Federal Law.

2. Information. The Federal Government regulates drugs through the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), reference (a), which does not recognize the difference between medical and recreational use of marijuana. Under Federal Law, marijuana is classified as a Scheduled I drug and Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.

a. Marijuana is prohibited on Marine Corps Installations and Service Level Training Installations. The AUMA does not apply on Federal property. More specifically the AUMA does not apply on Marine Corps Installations or Service Level Training Installations. Article 112A, Uniform Code Of Military Justice prohibits the wrongful use, possession or distribution of marijuana regardless of location. Civilian personnel may also be prosecuted for the use, possession or distribution of marijuana on or off a military installation under reference (b). In addition to potential criminal prosecution, both military and civilian personnel may face debarment, removal from base housing, and other negative administrative actions for violating Federal Law.

b. Reference (c), Drug-Free Federal Workplace, mandates that (A) Federal employees are required to refrain from the use of illegal drugs; (B) the use of illegal drugs by Federal Employees, whether on or off duty, is contrary to the efficiency of the service; and (C) individuals who use illegal drugs are not suitable for Federal Employment.

c. Per reference (d), and the Twentynine Palms Tenant Lease Agreement signed by tenants in privatized housing, regardless of location, the misuse or illegal use of the premises, or conduct of residents, occupants and/or invitees which is detrimental to community safety and health, is grounds for termination by Owner prior to expiration of term. Furthermore, residents agree within the lease agreement that Residents shall not use the premises for any unlawful purposes including but not limited to: using, manufacturing, selling, storing

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and transporting illicit drugs or other contraband, or violate any law or ordinance.

d. Units may submit information on establishments that adversely affect health, safety, morals, welfare, morale, or discipline of service members and their families to the MCAGCC, MAGTFTC, 29 Palms Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board (AFDCB). Information may be submitted to the president of the AFDCB, Mr. David N. Gill at david.n.gill1@usmc.mil.

3. Point of Contact is the Staff Judge Advocate, MCAGCC, MAGTFTC, 29 Palms at (760) 830-7484. Matters affecting Federal Employees are to be reported to Labor/Employee Relations Division, Human Resources Office.



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