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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee Policy Letter -
Electronic Cigarette/Vaping and Tobacco

1. References.

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
- b. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy.
- c. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion.
- d. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program.
- e. U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Regulation 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training Policies and Administration, 9 August 2019.

2. Background. The Army has recognized that using tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, harms readiness by impairing physical fitness and by increasing illness, absenteeism, premature death, and health care costs. Readiness is enhanced by promoting the standard of a tobacco-free environment that supports abstinence from, and discourages the use of, any tobacco product (AR 600-63, para. 7-2(a)). This policy reiterates the guidance outlined in AR 600-63 and includes additional guidance for the Fort Lee installation.

3. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to regulate the use of e-cigarette/vaping and tobacco products on the Fort Lee installation in order to reduce health risks for military personnel and their families.

4. Applicability. This policy applies to all military personnel assigned or attached to CASCOM and U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Lee, and any military personnel accessing the Fort Lee installation for any purpose, including all active duty, National Guard, and Reserve Component service members (U.S. and foreign).

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5. Definitions.

a. Vaping Products. Vaping products are non-combustible products that may or may not contain nicotine, employ a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit, or other mechanism, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce a vapor in a solution or other form. Vaping products include any vapor cartridge or other container, with or without nicotine that is intended to be used with an e-cigarette, electric cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

b. Tobacco Products. Tobacco products are any product that contains tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, and smokeless tobacco (i.e. chew, dip, snuff, and snus).

c. Vaping. Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced by an e-cigarette or similar device. E-cigarettes do not produce tobacco smoke, but rather an aerosol, often mistaken for water vapor, that actually consists of fine particles. Many of these particles contain varying amounts of toxic chemicals, which have been linked to heart and respiratory diseases and cancer.

6. Policy.

a. Vaping Products.

(1) The use of vaping devices, e-cigarettes, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), or any type of electronic vaporizer system, whether for tobacco, nicotine, or other vaporizer products, shall be controlled on Fort Lee in the same manner as tobacco. Service members are prohibited from smoking or vaping while walking when wearing any military uniform.

(2) TRADOC Regulation 350-6 governs the use of tobacco products during initial entry training (IET); see AR 600-63, para. 7-3(b); TRADOC Regulation 350-6, para. 3-4. Effective immediately, the use of vaping devices, e-cigarettes, ENDS, or any type of electronic vaporizer system, whether for tobacco, nicotine or other vaporizer products, shall be controlled in the IET environment on Fort Lee in the same manner as tobacco, as described in TRADOC Regulation 350-6.

(3) Cadre and faculty of any military school will not use tobacco or vaping products in the presence or view of students while on duty.

(4) Vaping products may present a safety risk due to their volatile batteries. All personnel are prohibited from charging vaping devices and/or their batteries in government buildings located on the Fort Lee installation, as well as in any official

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vehicles and/or devices. Government buildings include barracks, but do not include private use areas within privatized housing.

b. Vaping and Tobacco Products.

(1) The use of vaping and tobacco products is prohibited on the Fort Lee installation except in designated areas as defined in AR 600-63, para. 7-3; AR 215-1, para.13-15; and TRADOC Regulation 350-6.

(2) Users of tobacco and vaping products will not be allowed additional time beyond routine breaks to be away from their jobs for smoking or vaping breaks. Supervisors will monitor their personnel and initiate appropriate administrative action if their personnel are noncompliant with this policy and applicable regulations.

(3) Designated vaping and tobacco use areas will *not* be located on or within the grounds of any of the following areas on the Fort Lee installation:

(a) Parks and playgrounds. Any parcel of open land used for recreational activities, including all walking and bicycle trails/tracks, ball fields, ball courts, skate parks, other fields or facilities used for sporting events, or any parkland that is equipped with play structures such as swings, climbing structures, water features, or the like.

(b) Child and Youth Services (CYS) facilities and grounds. Any property or non-residential building that is operated, maintained or assigned to support CYs activities including but not limited to: child development centers, school-age centers, and youth centers.

(c) All sidewalks, parking lots and grounds external but adjacent to CYs buildings or related to the migratory corridors surrounding CYs facilities and youth activity areas.

(d) All facilities and training areas, to include all sidewalks, parking lots, and grounds external but adjacent to the buildings and training areas as well as related to the migratory corridors surrounding Advanced Individual Training (AIT) locations and any other formal enlisted training accomplished within the AIT environment prior to the awarding of any Military Occupational Specialty (MOS).

(e) Smoking and vaping is prohibited where it presents a safety hazard, such as at firing ranges, ammunition storage areas, fuel dumps, motor pools, and equipment maintenance shop. This list is not exclusive.

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(f) Any property or non-residential building that is operated, maintained or assigned to support medical and/or dental activities, including but not limited to hospitals, medical laboratories, outpatient clinics or aid stations operating for the primary purpose of delivering medical and/or dental care and services. This includes all internal roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, and grounds adjacent to the building or related to the migratory corridors surrounding medical and dental facility buildings.

(g) Wellness areas to include all gyms and facilities where the primary use is performing physical fitness activities, all public areas where organized military physical training is performed, and all sidewalks and grounds external but adjacent to the buildings or areas or are related to the migratory corridors surrounding wellness areas.

(h) The above restrictions do not apply to private use areas within privatized family housing (i.e. houses and yards), with the exception of Family Child Care (FCC) homes. All FCC homes, including FCC homes in privatized family housing, will abide by this policy during hours of operation. These hours are defined as the time in which care is being provided to children registered through the CYS program. Additionally, the above restrictions do not apply to buildings under control of the Fort Lee IHG Army Hotel.

(4) In accordance with AR 600-85, para. 4-2(a), use of products made or derived from hemp, to include Cannabidiol (CBD), regardless of the product's THC concentration, claimed or actual, and regardless of whether such product may lawfully be bought, sold and used under the law applicable to civilians, is prohibited, regardless of the route of administration or use. This prohibition includes vaping any substance that contains CBD.

7. Oversight. The Kenner Army Health Clinic (KAHC) Health Promotion Officer will:

a. Maintain oversight of this policy through the Community Health Promotion Council (CHPC) process.

b. Provide quarterly updates to the Senior Commander through the CHPC process.

c. Conduct an annual review of this policy.

8. Tobacco/Nicotine Cessation Resources. Numerous resources are available to assist users with tobacco/nicotine cessation. The Tobacco Cessation Program at KAHC provides services for service members, family members, civilian employees, contractors and the larger Fort Lee community. For further information, and for more resources

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regarding tobacco/ nicotine cessation, contact the Tobacco Cessation Program at (804)
734-9249.

9. Enforcement.

a. This command policy constitutes a lawful order and is punitive.

b. Violations by service members may result in punitive action under Uniform
Code of Military Justice and/or administrative action, as deemed appropriate.

10. This policy remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

11. The point of contact for this memorandum is the KAHC Health Promotion Office at
(804) 734-9304.

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