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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #15: 15th Regimental Signal Brigade (RSB) Army Substance Abuse Policy Letter

1. This policy prohibits the misuse and/or possession of certain non-controlled substances and applies to all 15th RSB and tenant units and personnel. This policy is punitive. Violations are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and may result in disciplinary or administrative action. This order remains in effect until rescinded.

2. All personnel assigned or attached to the 15th RSB and tenant units are prohibited from engaging in the following activities:

a. All persons assigned or attached to the 15th RSB and tenant units are prohibited from, without proper authorization, using, possessing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, importing into or exporting from the United States or introducing into any installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by of under control of the Army: Any controlled substance analogue or homologue such as 'Spice' or similar substances containing synthetic cannabis, and THC substitute, or any synthetic cannabinoid.

b. Possessing, purchasing, distributing, inhaling, smoking, consuming, using, or introducing into the body in any manner Salvia Divinorum, Salvinorin A, or the herbal blend " spice" in any form, to include but not limited to PEPspice" "Kadidlo/Incense-Spice Incense," "Spice Silver," "Spice Gold," "Spice Diamond," "Yucatan Fire," "Genie," or any derivative thereof, also prohibited is the paraphernalia used to facilitate the manufacture or use of such substances.

c. Using any chemical, product, or other substance (organic or synthetic) with the intent to create a condition of intoxication or obtain either an altered state of mind or an unnatural feeling of euphoria. Additionally, Soldiers will not introduce, possess, sell , transfer, and/or manufacture any such substance. Also prohibited is the paraphernalia used to facilitate the manufacture or use of any such substance. This prohibition is intended to prohibit the intentional misuse of certain products (e.g., aerosol spray products, white-out correction fluid, paint products, glue, nitrous oxide, "Break-free" (CLP), over-the-counter medicines and other similar substances) for the purposes described above. When used for their intended purpose these products are not prohibited. This prohibition does apply to the use of tobacco, caffeine products, or alcohol.

d. Using any prescription drug or prescription medicine without a valid prescription from a practitioner licensed by law to administer, distribute, dispense, transfer, or sell such a drug in the performance of official duties. "Prescription drug " or "prescription medicine" includes any substance for which Federal Law or regulations or Georgia State Law requires a valid prescription for dispensing. Also, prohibited is (a) the possession of a prescription drug/medicine without a valid prescription and (b) the transfer, distribution, or sale of such either to a person who does not possess a valid prescription for such or by a person not licensed by law to administer, distribute, dispense or sell such prescriptions.

3. I am concerned about reports of my Soldiers using Salvia and the herbal blend "spice" as well as other legally obtained substances, for the purpose of becoming intoxicated or obtaining and altered state of mind and about the misuse of prescription medicine. The abuse of these substances contradicts the nature of our profession of arms, threatens our military readiness and diminishes our ability to accomplish our mission. Such substance abuse is prejudicial to good order and discipline and is of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

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