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MEMORANDUM FOR USAG FORT DEVENS

SUBJECT: Noise/Public Disturbance Policy

1. Common sense dictates that we respect our neighbors located inside and outside the installation fence line. All persons residing in this area deserve the same courtesy you would expect at your own home. Units and individuals must comply with the following rules.
2. General Quiet Hours. Quiet Hours begin at 2200 hours every evening. They extend to 0800 hours Monday through Saturday, and extend to 0900 hours on Sunday.
3. Music and Parties. Music should not be heard more than 10 feet from your vehicle. Music and general noise should not be heard beyond the walls of billeting rooms. Music may be played outside during both small gatherings (e.g. using the barbecue grills at the billets) and during approved organized events (see Fort Devens Regulation 215-1 if alcohol is served). Music and general noise must not be heard beyond the confines of the installation nor so loud as to interfere with daily operations or encroach upon Soldier privacy within the billets. Outdoor music is prohibited during quiet hours.
 - a. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90 - Section 16 states: (Operating to Create a Harsh, Unnecessary or Objectionable Noise, "...No person operating a motor vehicle shall sound a bell, horn, or other device, nor in any manner operate such a motor vehicle so as to make, objectionable or unreasonable noise...")
 - b. This offense covers issues like honking horns and spinning tires. In addition, applies to motorists with obnoxiously loud radios or sound systems being used when the vehicle is either stationary or moving.
4. Physical Fitness / Cadences. Units conducting organized fitness training may call cadence that complies with good taste. If units calling cadence understand their environment and practice common sense, the Fort Devens leadership wholly supports the use of this long standing military tradition. Units calling cadence during any exercises must abide by the following additional guidelines.

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a. Permissible Hours.

- (1) Monday through Friday: 0630-1700
- (2) Saturday: 0730-1700
- (3) Sunday: Prohibited

b. Restricted Areas.

(1) Under no circumstances may any unit call cadence beyond the Fort Devens fence line. In addition to the fact that units are already prohibited by local ordinance from organized marches or runs without a permit on the state land surrounding Fort Devens, the houses located outside the fence are privately owned by civilians. Failure to abide by this clause may result in Massachusetts State Police response, in addition to action by the Fort Devens Police Services.


(2) Units shall not call cadence within the 3400 area. A large civilian housing area resides just outside the fence line to the west.

(3) Units shall not call cadence within the quadrangle surrounded by Jackson Road, 10th Mountain Road, MacArthur Avenue, and Charlestown Road (see map enclosure). This includes the large parking lot along Concord Street. This restriction is necessitated by the proximity of the civilian housing areas to the north.

(4) Units shall not call cadence on the sidewalks among the billets located by Military Clothing Sales (building numbers 667-670, see map enclosure).

5. POC is CSM Peter Brooks, (978) 796-2126.

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