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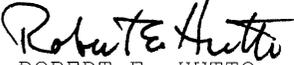
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NAVDENCEN SOUTHWEST NOTICE 1500

Subj: POLICY FOR COMMAND DUTY OFFICERS (CDOs) AND ADMINISTRATIVE WATCH OFFICERS (AWOs) TO AUTHORIZE MEXICO BORDER LIBERTY

Ref: (a) COMNAVREGSWINST 1500.1A

1. Reference (a) requires all E3 and below personnel to use the "buddy system" and have an approved Liberty Request Chit prior to entering the Mexican border area in a leave or liberty status. ***The buddy must be specified on the request chit.***
2. Occasionally, Sailors decide to visit Mexico outside of normal working hours but are unable to obtain required permission from the normal chain of command. Therefore, CDOs and AWOs are granted authority to approve liberty in Mexico providing the requirements specified in reference (a) are met ***and only after consultation with the member's Senior Enlisted Advisor or Branch Director.*** Additionally, the CDO/AWO will review the "Mexico Liberty Violators" list maintained in the CDO binder, and will not grant authorization for members on the list. The Watchbill Coordinator will regularly update this list after consultation with the legal department staff. Prior to approving the chit, the CDO/AWO must annotate the Senior Enlisted Leader or Director's name, date and time that contact was made. CDO/AWO consultation with the member's chain of command is not intended to limit their authority, rather ensure they are fully aware of reasons why the immediate chain of command may not endorse a member's request for Mexico liberty.
3. All E3 and below, CDOs and AWOs are to be made aware of this policy and understand that although CDOs/AWOs have approval authority, this policy is not intended to circumvent the member's chain of command. Additionally, since CDOs/AWOs are not regularly present after hours or on weekends, Sailors must plan accordingly in order to not inconvenience the CDO/AWO. Requests for Mexico liberty made after 1800 will not be considered.


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