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ANSBACH ARMY HELIPORT, GERMANY  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

AETV-CAB

12 July 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR All 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Military and Civilian Personnel

SUBJECT: 12<sup>th</sup> CAB Command Policy Letter 9, Motorcycle Riders Policy

1. References:

- a. 385-10 Army Safety Program 23 AUG 2007 / RAR 4 OCT 11.
- b. AE Regulation 190-1, Drive and Vehicle Requirements and the Installation Traffic Code for U.S. Forces in Germany.
- c. Memorandum for Motorcycle Safety, CG, USAREUR, 27 June 2013

2. Commanders will ensure that all personnel operating motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, motorbikes, trikes, Can-Am Spiders type vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, or similar vehicles on or off Army installations adhere to the current DoD, DA, USAREUR and local regulations. In addition to the mentioned guidance, the following requirements for wearing reflective apparel applies to motorcyclist assigned or attached the 12 CAB regardless of duty station:

- a. Soldiers assigned to Army in Europe units will wear a vest, jacket, upper outer garment, or motorcycle clothing that incorporates florescent and reflective material as a major component at all times when operating or riding as a passenger on the vehicles described above, on or off post, regardless of local civilian requirements. Military uniforms, including Army physical fitness test wear that is designed to be reflective, do not meet this criterion.
- b. Civilian employees (including contractors, but excluding local national employees) and Family members will wear florescent and reflective outer garments at all times when operating or riding as a passenger on vehicles described in paragraph 3 while on U.S. Army installations and are highly encouraged to wear this type of equipment off installations.
- c. All motorcycle operators and passengers must ensure required reflective outer garments are properly secured, clearly visible, and are not covered. The lightweight mesh physical training vest is not authorized to be worn as a florescent and reflective vest on the vehicles described in paragraph 3; the vest may be used to cover a backpack, but must be secured.

3. All Battalion Commanders and the HHC, 12<sup>th</sup> CAB Company Commander will appoint in writing a unit motorcycle coordinator (UMC). UMCs will be a Staff Sergeant or above with motorcycle riding experience in USAREUR. UMCs will provide the Brigade Safety Officer with appointment orders and schedule an in-brief as soon as possible.

4. At a minimum all riders will provide or update their UMC the following documentation to create a "Riders Packet" at the start of the new riding season, before riding after a deployment of any length, or as necessary as Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certificates and drivers license expire.

- a. Copy of valid Stateside Motorcycle (MC) license.
- b. Copy of valid USAREUR Class 1 motorcycle license.
- c. Copy of current MSF card.

(1) Basic Rider Course (BRC) good for 1 year.

(2) Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or Military SportBike Rider Course (MSRC) good for 3 years.

- d. Copy of current motorcycle insurance.

e. Copy of T-CLOCS inspection (T-CLOCS: Tires and Wheels, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, Stand). Got to <https://intranet.eur.army.mil/12cab/hq/safety/SitePages/Home.aspx> "Motorcycle Safety" to down load.

f. Copy of DA 4856 Counseling form signed by their current commander or higher. Got to <https://intranet.eur.army.mil/12cab/hq/safety/SitePages/Home.aspx> "Motorcycle Safety" to down load.

- g. Copy of the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB Motorcycle Risk Assessment signed at the appropriate level.

(1) LOW = CO Commander.

(2) MOD = BN Commander.

(3) HIGH = BDE Commander.

(4) EX HIGH = First G.O.

5. Progressive Motorcycle Program. The Army Progressive Motorcycle Program is designed to consistently keep motorcycle operator training current and sustain or enrich rider skills. The program consists of the following courses: BRC, ERC, MSRC, and Motorcycle Refresher

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Training (MRT). Based on the type of motorcycle(s) owned and operated, Soldiers complete either ERC or the MSRC within 12 months of completing the BRC.

6. Motorcycle Refresher Training (MRT). The purpose of this refresher training is to review training, licensing, insurance, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), serviceability of Privately Owned Motorcycle (POM), risk level of Soldier's motorcycle and their ability to conduct basic maneuvers on their own motorcycle. MRT is mandatory for motorcycle riders (Soldiers) who deploy for more than 180 days. The intent of MRT is to conduct a leaders review or "shakeout" of Soldier riding preparedness. MRT is provided through the Army Traffic Safety Training Program contractor or at the unit level using the U.S. Army Combat Readiness / Safety Center (USACR/SC) MRT DVD downloadable at the following link <https://safety.army.mil/motorcycle-refresher-training>. Ranges are not required to conduct MRT. However, consideration should be given to any site selected to ensure training is conducted safely. UMCs for deployed units will contact their Rear Detachment Commander and or Rear Detachment Safety Officer to coordinate for riders to conduct the MRT course upon return from deployment. Rear Detachment Commanders may contact the Brigade Rear Detachment Safety Officer for questions or concerns about this requirement during deployments.

7. I encourage all motorcycle riders to select PPE designed with abrasion resistant materials and impact-absorbing padding incorporating fluorescent colors and retro reflective material and employ other visibility-enhancing equipment such as headlight modulators, braking alerts, etc. The intent is to have riders in gear designed for riding, providing the rider as much visibility as possible. All PPE requirements will be IAW AR 385-10, AE Regulation 190-1 and the USAREUR CGs policy on motorcycle PPE.

8. Motorcycle Clubs and Groups. All USAG Ansbach based 12<sup>th</sup> CAB riders are encouraged to actively participate in the Griffin Motorcycle Rider's Club. Membership is mandatory for motorcycle riders who have or desire to obtain a USAREUR class 1 motorcycle driver license. Units outside of the USAG Ansbach footprint should participate in local garrison motorcycle safety programs. 12 CAB Motorcycle riders are reminded to use careful consideration when associating, affiliating, or joining other motorcycle groups or clubs. Riders may check with their garrison legal office for details further details on affiliation with outside rider groups.

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