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COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND
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IN REPLY TO:
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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command

Subj: DEPENDENT VISITATION PROGRAM ORDER

Ref: (a) DoDD 2000.12
(b) USCENTCOM OPORD 05-01
(c) COMUSNAVCENT ltr 1600 Ser N00/433 of 18 Sep 05
(d) USCENTCOM 220332Z JUL 05

1. This order establishes a dependent visitation program consistent with U.S. Department of State (DOS) guidance on travel to foreign countries and Bahraini immigration law. It is applicable to all U.S. military and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees assigned to commands in Bahrain, less personnel assigned under the cognizance of the U.S. Chief of Mission in Bahrain. Commands temporarily deployed to or present in Bahrain should submit requests under this order to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command on a case by case basis.

2. This order is issued under my authority and responsibility for force protection of U.S. military and DoD civilian employees in Bahrain and their dependents, pursuant to references (a) and (b). The provisions of this order apply to all U.S military members, enlisted and officers, and DoD civilian personnel stationed or otherwise present in Bahrain and shall have the effect of a lawful general order without further implementation. Violation of this instruction subjects U.S. military members to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and may lead to administrative separation. Violation by DoD civilian personnel subjects them to disciplinary and administrative action.

3. Dependents of U.S. military and DoD civilian personnel may visit Bahrain as tourists under Bahraini immigration law. Bahraini law provides for a tourist visa to be issued for an initial 14-day period, which may be extended an additional 14 days. After the initial 14 days, or after the additional 14 days if the visa was properly extended, the dependent must exit Bahrain and must reapply for visitation in accordance with this order before reentering. U.S. military and DoD civilian personnel are prohibited from using their official status under relevant agreements between the U.S. Government and the Government of Bahrain in order to attempt to

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obtain extended stay visas for their visiting dependents. Specifically, U.S. military and DoD civilian personnel shall not attempt to obtain a Family Visa and Resident Permit, or any other similar extended stay visa, for their dependents since that requires use of the official status of U.S. military and DoD civilian personnel in Bahrain. This is pursuant to the relevant intergovernmental agreements. Furthermore, this would be contrary to the efforts of the U.S. Government to coordinate anti-terrorism and force protection issues with the Government of Bahrain. Dependent visits are strongly discouraged during periods when a DOS travel advisory is in effect for travel to Bahrain.

4. Dependents may travel to Bahrain by commercial air or by space available (Space-A) military lift. In accordance with reference (d), dependents' use of Space-A requires the written authorization of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (COMUSNAVCENT) or Commander, Navy Region Southwest Asia. U.S. military personnel and DoD civilian personnel are strongly encouraged to ensure that visiting dependents complete Level One Anti-Terrorism training prior to travel. COMUSNAVCENT strongly encourages dependents to receive briefs on force protection measures, dress codes, evacuation procedures, cultural requirements, identification requirements and off-limits establishment restrictions. COMUSNAVCENT will provide information on where to access these briefs and can provide copies to U.S. military personnel and DoD civilian personnel, if necessary, for forwarding to the dependents. Space-A travel authorization letters will not be provided during any period a DOS travel advisory is in effect for travel to Bahrain.

5. U.S. military personnel and DoD civilian personnel shall provide the following information to their command prior to their visiting dependents' arrival in Bahrain and will keep this information continuously updated: Name of the dependent visitor; relationship; country of nationality, age; date of arrival; date of departure; and local address while in Bahrain.

6. Commanders and Commanding Officers are to ensure widest dissemination of this order.


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