U.S. NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA INSTRUCTION 5100.2C

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Subj: U.S. NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA TOBACCO POLICY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6100.2A
     (b) SECNAVINST 5100.13E

1. **Purpose.** To promulgate the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (NSGB) tobacco policy.

2. **Cancellation.** NSGBINST 5100.2B.

3. **Policy.** It is Navy policy to create an environment that reduces exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)/secondhand smoke and residue, prevents tobacco product use initiation, and increases tobacco product cessation. Navy policy is to provide users with encouragement and professional assistance to quit.

4. **Discussion**
   a. Use of tobacco products is prohibited in all Department of the Navy facilities and Navy controlled spaces except as noted in reference (b). Where conflicts arise between the rights of non-tobacco users and the rights of tobacco users, the rights of non-tobacco users to a tobacco-free space shall prevail. Signs shall be prominently displayed designating smoking areas. When walking from point to point while in uniform, it is inappropriate and detracts from military smartness for personnel to be smoking or using tobacco products. The use of any tobacco or vape products shall be only in designated smoking areas. Smoking while walking does not constitute an authorized smoking area and is therefore prohibited onboard NSGB.

   b. Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking. It is no more or less acceptable than smoking. Smokeless tobacco use is only permitted in designated tobacco use areas. Where smokeless tobacco is permitted, tobacco spit shall be held in containers with sealing lids to prevent odor and accidental spills. Tobacco spit and residue shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner which prevents public exposure.

5. **Action**
   a. **Department Heads.** Ensure training is provided to all personnel on the health risks of tobacco use, and ensure areas under your cognizance, that meet the criteria, are properly marked as designated smoking areas.

   b. **Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, Housing, and Navy Exchange.** Ensure all designated smoking areas are properly and prominently marked, especially those areas where large groups of people congregate (e.g., Downtown Lyceum, Navy Exchange Atrium). The entire Cooper field/Denich Gym complex is a tobacco free area.
6. **Review Responsibility.** The Command Master Chief is overall responsible for the annual review of this instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

7. **Records Management.** Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1.

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