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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY
UNIT #15236
APO AP 96205-0009

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth United States Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth United States Army Command Policy #3 – Remain Overnight (RON) Facilities for Aircrews and Passengers at Eighth United States Army Installations

1. REFERENCE. Aviation Training Review Team Final Report, dated 13 NOV 02.
2. PURPOSE. To ensure that Remain Overnight (RON) Facilities for Aircrews and Passengers are available at Eighth United States Army Installations
3. BACKGROUND. The Eighth United States Army Aviation Training Review Team convened in September 2002 to recommend improvements in aviation policy, training methods, and aviation resources. One of the recommendations is to provide adequate facilities at Eighth United States Army installations for aircrews and their passengers to remain overnight when aircraft maintenance or weather conditions preclude continued flight operations.
4. DISCUSSION.
 - a. Eighth United States Army leadership demonstrates commitment to the safety of our soldiers and their equipment by providing facilities and means of shelter for crews and passengers who are unable to reach their intended destination due to unsatisfactory, marginal, or deteriorating weather conditions.
 - b. Airfield commanders and tenant units will provide basic life support for flight crews and passengers who must remain overnight or for an extended period of time. Facilities will include a suitable place to sleep, such as barracks rooms or cots, and access to latrine facilities. Installations will be prepared to assist with aircraft security as well as transportation to off-post hotel facilities, if required. Army Airfield commanders will establish RON procedures within their SOPs. The SOP will include, at a minimum, a 24-hour point of contact (POC), contact numbers, and facilities available for RON aviators. The Eighth United States Army Aviation office will release, and periodically update, all RON POC information for all airfields.
 - c. In addition, units with aircrews assigned will implement procedures for granting funding approval for aircrews and reimbursing them with TDY funds, if TDY is required at the RON location.

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d. Aircrews who terminate a mission and remain overnight at an Eighth United States Army installation due to deteriorating weather will notify their unit chain of command as soon as practicable. Units will report the situation to the Eighth Army Operations Center at 723-6887/6876.

e. The Eighth United States Army Aviation Officer will assist with coordination for Republic of Korea (ROK) facilities on a 24 hour basis. Coordination through the Eighth Army Operations Center is recommended after duty hours.

f. We owe it to our soldiers to provide the necessary resources to enable their mission accomplishment and to provide them the means to mitigate any unnecessary risk-taking. Leaders at all levels within Eighth United States Army will support our soldiers when they make the right decision not to continue flight operations when the conditions do not allow it to be done safely.

5. PROPONENT. The Eighth United States Army ACofS G33 is the proponent for this policy. The POC can be contacted at commercial 011-822-7913-4996 or DSN 315-723-4996.



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