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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMSI-PLO-P

1 October 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Travel Restrictions to Mexico

1. Reference: Message, HQ USARNORTH, 132104ZJUN13, Subject: USARNORTH Force Protection Directive 13-164 (Mexico Travel Prohibitions)
2. Due to continuing and worsening violence along the U.S.-Mexico border, non-official travel to the following States in Mexico is prohibited: Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Michoacan, Nuevo Leon, Sinaloa, Tamaulipas, Sonora, Jalisco, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi, and Nayarit. This order applies to all Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Sailors, active and Reserve, and Guardsmen in Title 10 status assigned or attached to USAFCoEFS. DA personnel, Family Members and contractors traveling for non-official purposes are urged to abide by all travel prohibitions and policies. Official travel to the prohibited states is limited to mission essential travel only.
3. Travel exceptions to select locations in prohibited States are permitted. Those locations are: Puerto Vallarta and Guadalajara, Jalisco; Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Flags), Nayarit (coastal highway resort areas between Nuevo Vallarta and Punta Mita); and Mazatlan, Sinaloa.
 - a. Travel must be by air to immediate area of destination city or arrive via cruise ship. Lodging must be in the resort or tourist areas of these locations.
 - b. Routine personal travel on cruise ships that visit ports in prohibited States is authorized, however, travelers must remain onboard during ports of call unless an exception is granted or emergency warrants disembarkation.
4. Travel approval authorities. These authorities may not be delegated.
 - a. Minimum approval authority for official and non-official travel to non-prohibited States in Mexico is Lieutenant Colonel or civilian equivalent. Official travel requires country/theater clearance approval via APACS. Non-official travel does not require country/theater clearance.
 - b. Minimum approval authority for official/non-official travel to prohibited states in Mexico is Colonel or civilian equivalent. Travel into a prohibited state requires country/theater clearance approval via APACS except as noted in paragraph three.

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5. Completed risk assessments and procedures IAW DoD Foreign Clearance Guide-Mexico, will be submitted for approval prior to travel to Mexico. Military personnel traveling to Mexico must have completed Antiterrorism Level 1 training within one year of the date of travel and listed in the remarks section of DA Form 31 (or service equivalent). Additionally, personnel must receive a Mexico travel specific briefing from a qualified Level II Antiterrorism Officer. A signed copy of this briefing will be submitted with the leave/pass request.

6. Travelers are advised to consider limiting travel to the following locations.

a. Aguascalientes. Defer non-essential travel to areas of the State that border Zacatecas.

b. Colima. Defer non-essential travel to areas of the State that border Michoacan.

c. Guerrero. Defer non-essential travel to the northwestern and southern portions of the State, except for the cities of Acapulco, Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa. Exercise caution in the cities of Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa. In Acapulco, avoid travel to areas further than two blocks inland of the Costera Miguel Aleman Boulevard, which parallels the popular beach areas.

d. Veracruz. Exercise caution when traveling to Veracruz.

e. Estado de Mexico. Exercise caution when traveling to Estado de Mexico and defer non-essential travel to the cities east of the greater Mexico City metropolitan area.

f. Morelos. Exercise caution when traveling to Morelos. Defer non-essential travel on any roads between Huitzilac, Morelos and Santa Martha, Estado de Mexico including the Lagunas de Zempoala National Park and surrounding areas.

7. This order does not affect travel to other areas of Mexico and personnel will follow the requirements of AR 600-8-10 and AR 525-13 accordingly. Soldiers will telephonically report to his/her unit/staff section prior to departure and on return from the restricted area for leaves and passes that are approved. Soldiers will also comply with the requirements of the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide (<https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/FCG.CFM>).

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8. For emergencies involving U.S. citizens traveling in Mexico, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate. The U.S. Embassy is located in Mexico City at Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtémoc. Telephone from the United States: 011-52-55-5080-2000; telephone in Mexico City: 5080-2000; long distance in Mexico 01-55-5080-2000. The Embassy can also be contacted via email at: ACSMexicoCity@state.gov or <http://www.usembassy-mexico.gov>. As a reminder, U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry are required to have documents that comply with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), most commonly a U.S. passport, a passport card, a trusted traveler card such as NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST, or an enhanced driver's license. Those U.S. citizens including children traveling by air must present a passport or other approved travel document when entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens can present a passport, NEXUS card at airports with NEXUS kiosks, U.S. military ID with travel orders, or a U.S. Merchant Mariner Document when on official business.

9. Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). All travelers are strongly advised to enroll in this free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in a foreign country at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/IBRS/UI/>. STEP allows the traveler to enter information about the trip so the State Department can better assist in an emergency. Travelers will be able to receive travel advisories, warnings and other information from the embassy or consulates.

10. This directive is punitive in nature and applies to all military personnel under my general court-martial jurisdiction; it constitutes a lawful general order. Military personnel who violate or fail to obey this order subject themselves to disciplinary action under Article 92, UCMJ.

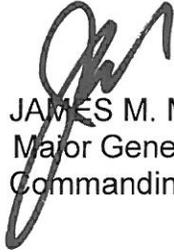
11. This memorandum will be placed on all unit bulletin boards and given the widest dissemination.

12. The Mexico travel restrictions outlined in this memorandum will remain in effect until further notice. It supersedes Memorandum, HQ, USAFCoEFS, Subject: United States Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill (USAFCoEFS) Travel Restrictions to Mexico dated 11 June 2012.

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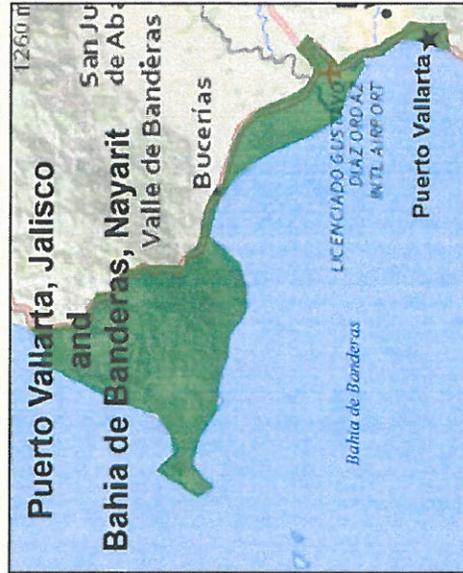
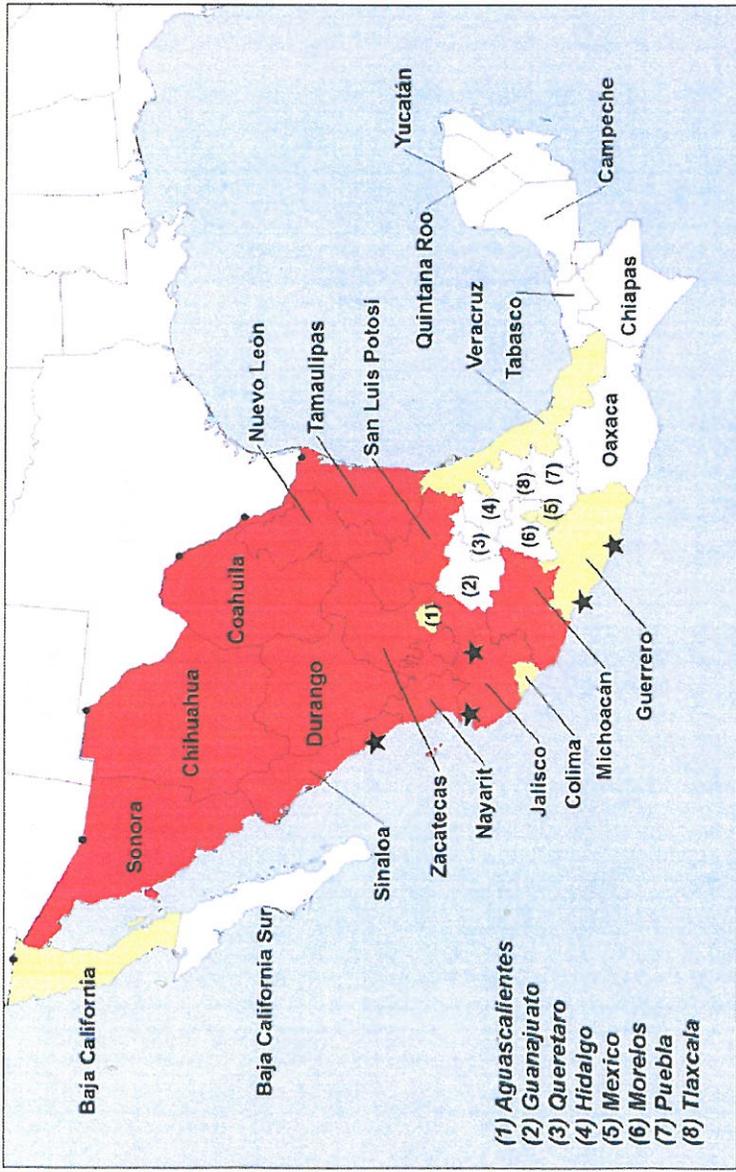
13. Point of contact for this memorandum is the Installation Antiterrorism Office,
DPTMS at 442-2532, steven.m.sayer.civ@mail.mil

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Map of Mexico



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