



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Travel Restrictions to Mexico

1. Due to continuing and worsening violence along the U.S. Mexico border the following cities and states in Mexico are off-limits to service members assigned to Fort Sill effective immediately and until further notice. In addition I strongly recommend Family members, DA civilians, contractors, foreign military personnel and their families avoid travel to or thru these areas as well.
  - a. Cities of Tijuana, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Monterey and Matamoros
  - b. States of Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua
2. The cities and states noted above and areas surrounding them continue to present an unacceptable risk to the health, safety, morale and welfare of Fort Sill military personnel (note HQ USNORTHCOM Force Protection Alert (Mexico Travel 142138Z Mar 10).
3. Brigade level Commanders may approve travel to and thru these areas on a case-by-case basis for Family and emergency or critical mission requirements. Official travel into the restricted areas will only be approved for critical mission requirements. Completed risk assessments and procedures IAW DOD foreign Clearance Guide - Mexico, will be submitted for approval prior to travel to Mexico. Any service member traveling into Mexico (leave/pass or mission requirement) must have received Antiterrorism Level I training within one year and the date will be listed in the remarks section on the DA Form 31. Additionally, service members will 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. Brigade Commanders cannot delegate this approval authority.
4. If your organization does not have a qualified Level II Antiterrorism Officer, contact the Force Protection Branch, DPTMS, at (580)442-5973/2532.
5. The CDRUSNORTHCOM has set the FPCON for Mexico as Bravo. Bravo measures for travelers are:
  - a. Traveler BRAVO 1: Cease wearing U.S. Military uniforms in non-secure areas.
  - b. Traveler BRAVO 2: Do not travel with easily identifiable Military luggage (duffel bags, B-4 bags or military tags or organizational identification.

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- c. Traveler BRAVO 3: If practical follow the "buddy rule" for all movement.
  - d. Traveler BRAVO 4: Periodically exercise Anti-Terrorist contingency plans and drills.
  - e. Traveler BRAVO 5: Routinely check your vehicle(s) for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or tampering.
  - f. Traveler BRAVO 6: If practical, park your vehicle(s) in secure areas, not accessible to uncontrolled personnel
  - g. Traveler BRAVO 7: Vary routines.
  - h. Traveler BRAVO 8: Conduct weekly telephone liaison with nearest Military installation, U.S. security agency/element and/or local security elements and home station.
  - i. Traveler BRAVO 9: Determine and avoid high-risk areas and be cautious of mingling with crowds.
6. This order does not affect travel to other areas of Mexico and Service members will follow the requirements of AR 600-8-10 and AR 525-13 accordingly. Service member will telephonically report to his/her unit/staff section prior to departure and on return from the restricted area for leaves or passes that are approved. The service member must also comply with the requirements of the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.
7. 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 Cuauhtemoc, telephone from the United States: 011-52-55-5080-2000; telephone in Mexico City: 5080-2000; telephone long distance in Mexico 01-55-5080-2000. The Embassy can also be contacted via e-mail at : [ACSMexicoCity@state.gov](mailto:ACSMexicoCity@state.gov) or <http://www.usembassy-mexico.gov/> . As a reminder to all US citizens, including service members, effective 31 January 2008, all travelers must have either a passport or an original birth certificate and government issued photo ID to re-enter the United States.
8. This policy 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 policy subject themselves to disciplinary action under Article 92, UCMJ.
9. The memorandum will be placed on all unit bulletin boards and given the widest dissemination.
10. The Mexico travel restrictions outlined in this memorandum will remain in effect until further notice. This restriction will be re-evaluated periodically based on updated assessments by the Fort Sill Antiterrorism Officer. POC for this memorandum is the Force Protection Branch, DPTMS at 442-5973/2532, [karrie.lovins@conus.army.mil](mailto:karrie.lovins@conus.army.mil) .



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