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MEMORANDUM FOR Wisconsin National Guard Members, Department of Military Affairs State Employees, Title 32 Dual Status Technicians and Title 5 National Guard Employees

SUBJECT: TAG Directive - Prohibition of Photography or Other Images and Prohibition of Disclosure of Information Regarding Operation Allies Refuge

1. References.

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 360-1, Army Public Affairs, 8 October 2020.
- b. Air Force Instruction (AFI) 35-101, Public Affairs Operations, 20 November 2020
- c. AR 530-1, Operations Security, 26 September 2014.
- d. AFI 10-701, Operations Security (OPSEC), 9 June 2020
- e. SECDEF Approved EXORD for DOD Support for Afghan SIV Applications, 20 July 2021.
- f. General Order No. 2-Prohibition of Photography or Other Images and Prohibition of Disclosure of Information Regarding Operation Allies Refuge, dated 22 August 2021
- 2. Purpose. This policy establishes standards for interacting with Afghan Special Immigrants (ASI) present on Volk Field/CRTC and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Due to the sensitive nature of Operation Allies Refuge (OAR), extra care must be taken to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of sensitive and/or critical information and to avoid dissemination of incorrect information.
- 3. Applicability. This policy applies to all uniformed service members and DoD civilian and State of Wisconsin personnel assigned or attached to or otherwise performing duties at Volk Field/CRTC or Fort McCoy, regardless of branch of military service or component (Active, Reserve, or Guard) when in any duty status under Title 32 or Title 5 of the U.S. Code or performing their state of Wisconsin civilian duties.
- 4. PUNITIVE ORDER. Paragraph 5 of this policy is punitive, and constitutes a lawful general order within the meaning of Article 92, Wisconsin Code of Military Justice. Violations of this policy may result in punitive action under the WCMJ, or adverse administrative action under applicable Federal or State of Wisconsin rules or regulation for civilian employees, or both.

5. Policy.

a. Photography and Recording. Personnel are prohibited from photographing, filming, videotaping, audio recording, or making any other depiction of any ASI who is present on Volk Field/CRTC or Fort McCoy other than for internal facility administration as approved by me or

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designated law enforcement purposes. Excepted from this prohibition are pictures or recordings taken by Afghan Special Immigrants on personal devices they own and at their request in which any Volk Field/CRTC or Fort McCoy personnel are depicted (e.g., a "selfie" with an American Soldier requested by an ASI and captured on a device owned by the ASI).

- b. Media. Requests for media access to ASIs or for interview requests by the media of uniformed service members regarding any ASI or OAR will be coordinated through the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs Office. Personnel will not conduct any media interview regarding the ASIs without my approval.
- c. Nondisclosure. Personnel are prohibited from disclosing any information with regards to the ASIs, the support efforts regarding the ASIs at Volk Field/CRTC or Fort McCoy (other than within the chain of command), or any other information about OAR This includes the posting of information in any form of social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) about ASIs or the current status of operations for OAR at Volk Field/CRTC or Fort McCoy. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to supersede the obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection.
- 6. This policy is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded.

7. The point of contact for this policy is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Force Headquarters, Wisconsin National Guard, at 608-242-3077 or 608-242-3076

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The Adjutant General