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DepO 1510.47A

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DEPOT ORDER 1510.47A

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: UNIT/FORMATION RUNNING

Ref: (a) MCO 6100.3J (NOTAL)
(b) DepO P1510.45A

Encl: (1) Formation Running Restricted Areas Aboard the Depot

1. Purpose. To provide policy, guidance, and instructions for all unit/formation runs conducted by Depot organizations.
2. Cancellation. DepO 1510.47.
3. Background. As discussed in the references, unit/formation runs can be an effective component of a unit's physical fitness training program; from them, participants not only derive some physical benefit, but unit esprit is engendered.
4. Summary of Revision. This revision modifies the policy regarding formation running on Puerto Rico Street, and incorporates a set of safety procedures to be followed when conducting unit/formation runs on/off-base.
5. Policy. To be of value, a unit/formation run must be planned, organized, and supervised so that the physical training objectives are accomplished in a safe and professional manner. During planning, unit trainers should use care in determining the time and route of runs. During execution, run supervisors should ensure that chanting is done in a professional manner and kept to the minimum in residential areas, especially in the early morning and late evening, and pay constant attention to the safety of all participants.

a. On-Base Runs

(1) Unit/formation runs may be conducted aboard the Depot anywhere they are not prohibited as depicted in the enclosure.

(2) Running in the California least tern nesting site (located on Naval Training Center property adjacent to the southwest portion of the Depot) is not authorized. Units may run

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in formation along Puerto Rico Street to and from the back gate on Harbor Drive only from 16 September through 31 March annually; from 1 April through 15 September unit/formation runs on Puerto Rico Street are not authorized.

b. Off-Base Runs. Off-base runs are discouraged but authorized only as an occasional respite from training aboard the Depot. All unit/formation runs off the Depot require prior approval from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2/3. Requests should be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2/3 (Attn: Depot Training Officer), a minimum of 30 days in advance of the run date and must include the following information:

- (1) Organization
- (2) Officer in Charge
- (3) Date of the run
- (4) Time of the run
- (5) Run route (depicted on a map)
- (6) Number of participants

c. Safety Procedures. The individual leading the unit/formation run is responsible for the safety of the participants and for the control of traffic in the vicinity of the formation. The following procedures shall apply to all unit/formation runs conducted on/off-base;

(1) Units running in formation shall proceed on the far right side of roads and walkways, and aboard the Depot have the right-of-way over all vehicular traffic except emergency vehicles. Off-base runs will comply with local pedestrian regulations.

(2) Road guards shall be posted to halt traffic while the formation crosses a road or intersection.

(3) All road guards shall carry a flashlight illuminated during hours of darkness or reduced visibility.

(4) Two individuals, at both the front and rear of the formation, shall wear fluorescent vests and, during hours of darkness or reduced visibility, also carry illuminated flashlights.

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6. Action

a. Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge

(1) Ensure that all unit/formation runs are planned, organized, and conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2/3. Review and approve (as appropriate) all unit/formation runs to be conducted off-base by Depot organizations; coordinate those approved with local civilian authorities.

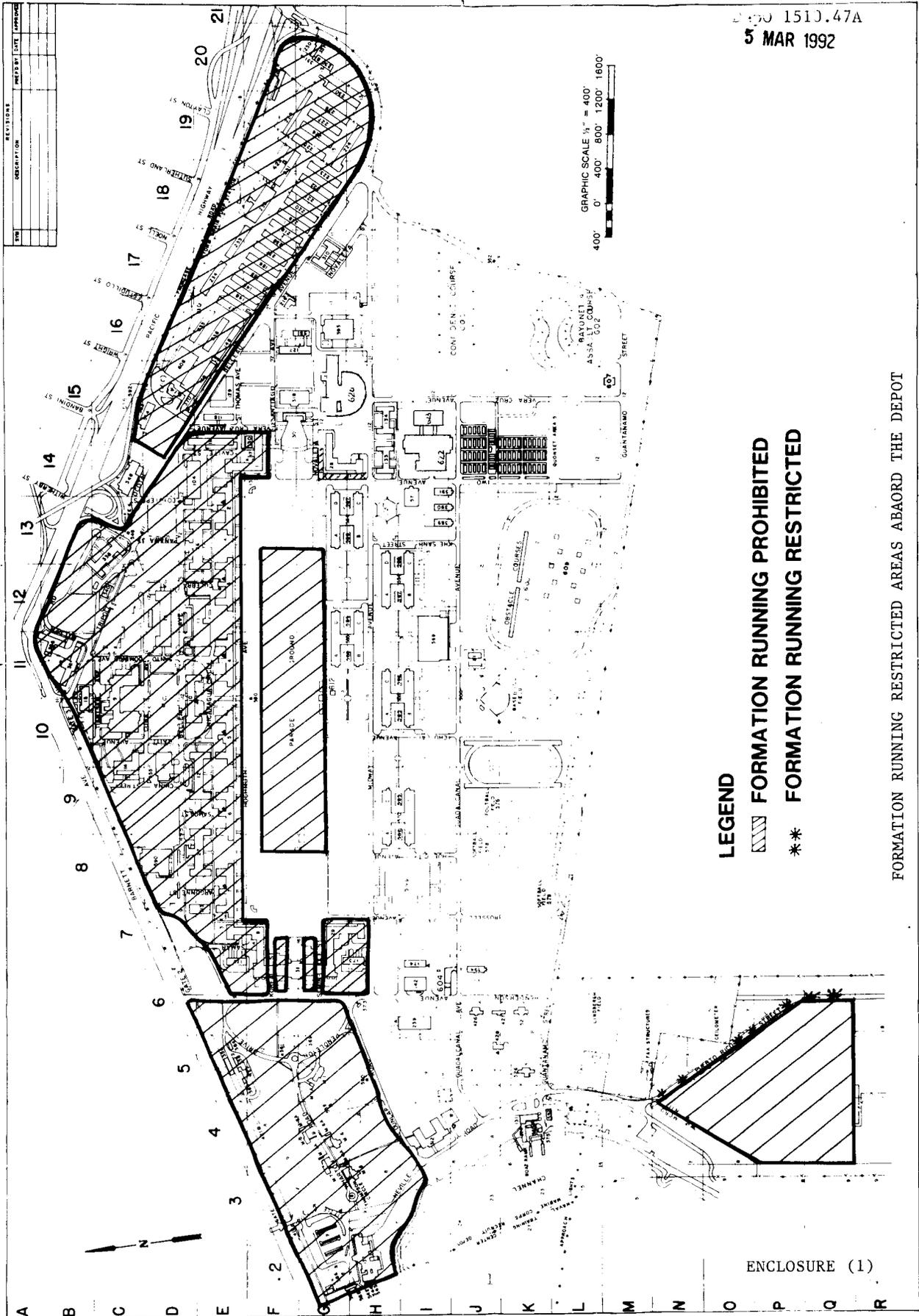


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ENCLOSURE (1)

