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COMNAVMARIANAS INSTRUCTION 1752.1G

Subj: MARRIAGE OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL TO FOREIGN NATIONALS WHILE IN THE OVERSEAS AREAS OF PACIFIC, PHILIPPINES, HONG KONG, MACAU, CHINA, SINGAPORE, VIETNAM, THAILAND, CAMBODIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND INDIA

Ref: (a) MILPERSMAN 5352-030  
(b) MILPERSMAN 5352-020  
(c) BUMEDINST 6220.8  
(d) MILPERSMAN 1745-030  
(e) MILPERSMAN 1300-150

Encl: (1) Sample Affidavit of Support with the U.S. Armed Forces  
(2) Sample Personal History Statement of Prospective Alien Spouse  
(3) Sample Letter of Application for Permission to Marry a Non-U.S. Citizen  
(4) Sample Certificate of Medical Examination of Applicant  
(5) Sample Statement Acknowledging Possible Ineligibility for Non-quota Immigration Visa  
(6) Sample Certificate of Counseling by a Chaplain

1. Purpose. Per references (a) and (b), this instruction provides information, policy and administrative procedures concerning marriage of active duty personnel to foreign nationals in overseas areas under Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (CNM) jurisdiction.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVMARIANASINST 1752.1F.

3. Authority. Reference (a) specifically designates CNM as the Area Commander and Approving Authority for marriage of active duty military personnel in the regional areas of the Pacific, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Macau, China, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Australia, New Zealand and India. Per reference (b), the authority to authorize, or return without authorization for justifiable cause, is hereby delegated to the following officers/officials for their area of cognizance:

a. China, Macau, or Hong Kong - Officer in Charge, Ship Support Office, Hong Kong, PSC 464 Box 20, FPO AP 96522-2200.

b. Singapore - Commander Logistics Group Western Pacific, PSC 470, Box 2400, FPO AP 96534-2400.

#### 4. Applicability

a. This instruction is applicable to active duty military personnel regardless of their duty station who intend to marry a non-United States (U.S.) citizen in CNM overseas area of jurisdiction.

b. Personnel desiring to marry a foreign national residing outside the CNM area of jurisdiction must make application to marry in accordance with reference (a).

c. U.S. civilian personnel serving with, employed by or accompanying the Armed Forces outside the U.S. under DOD sponsorship are excluded from the provisions of this instruction. However, these personnel are urged to avail themselves of the consultative services provided by CNM concerning the legal, procedural, moral and intercultural problems involved in overseas marriages.

#### 5. Information

a. All active duty military personnel have basically the same right to enter into marriage as any other citizen of the U.S. in the same locality. Per references (a) and (b), personnel stationed in or visiting foreign countries are required to obtain written authorization from the senior overseas area commander prior to marrying a foreign national. Failure to obtain prior authorization for marriage, and subsequent marriage if contracted, is a violation of this instruction and constitutes an offense under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

b. The restrictions imposed by this instruction are not intended to prevent marriage. These restrictions are for the protection of both aliens and U.S. citizens from the possible disastrous effects of an impetuous marriage entered into without appreciation of its implications and obligations. Of additional concern is the validity of the marriage. Marriage is legally

recognized as a contractual union between a man and a woman. As with any contract, the validity of the marriage will be determined by the laws of the country in which the ceremony was performed. Therefore, strict compliance with local laws is required.

c. Authorization for approval to contract marriage will be given in all instances where personnel have fully complied with the requirements contained in this instruction. However, in order to maintain the integrity of service families, CNM must reasonably ensure there is no information which may result in denial of a visa by the U.S. Foreign Service and/or District Director of Immigration and Naturalization, i.e., that the intended spouse has no legal impediment to the proposed marriage, that he/she may not be barred entry into the U.S. through inability to meet statutory physical, mental or character standards and the service member has the financial ability to support his/her intended spouse to prevent him/her from becoming a public ward. Procedures employed by CNM in screening documents for marriage are, therefore, similar to procedures for processing requests for visa issuance and entry of alien spouses into the U.S.

d. Marriage to a U.S. citizen does not in itself result in issuance of a U.S. immigration visa to the alien spouse. Final jurisdiction in these matters is within the cognizance of the Department of State and the U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, and is governed by the laws of the U.S.

## 6. Submission of Applications

a. Request for authorization to marry in China, Macau, or Hong Kong will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge, Ship Support Office, Hong Kong, PSC 464 Box 20, FPO AP 96522-2200. Additional information/instructions may be requested from the Ship Support Office, Hong Kong, telephone number (852) 2802-7866, facsimile (852) 2511-3703.

b. Request for authorization to marry in Singapore will be forwarded to the Commander Logistics Group Western Pacific, PSC 470 Box 2400, FPO AP 96534-2400. Additional information/instructions may be requested from the Registry of Marriages, Canning Rise, Singapore 0617, telephone number (65) 750-2504, facsimile (65) 257-2469.

c. Request for authorization to marry in the Pacific, Philippines, Australia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, New Zealand and India will be forwarded to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N1B), PSC 455 BOX 152, FPO AP 96540-1000 or sent via courier service to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N1B), Old Sumay Memorial Drive, Bldg. 3190, Santa Rita, Guam 96915. Telephone number (671) 339-5303.

#### 7. Action Required by Applicant

a. Request Background Check. Per reference (a), personnel contemplating marriage to a foreign national must include in the application a criminal record certificate of the prospective spouse. Request should be obtained from the local police department, close to the vicinity where the prospective alien spouse resides. (NOTE: If the prospective alien spouse is from the Philippines, a background check must be requested through the National Bureau of Investigation Office (NBI). For information on locations of NBI offices and how to secure an NBI clearance, visit their website at: <http://www.nbi.gov.ph>.)

b. Begin medical examination for prospective alien spouse. The examination will be of sufficient scope and thoroughness to detect mental or physical illness or condition and will include a blood test, urinalysis, chest X-ray, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) screening and counseling with a doctor. The prospective alien spouse shall complete a medical examination by a Medical Officer of the U.S. Armed Forces or a physician approved by the U.S. Consular Service certifying both parties are free from infectious venereal disease and active tuberculosis. (NOTE: If the prospective alien spouse is from the Philippines, servicemember's command must prepare a letter signed by the Commanding Officer requesting St. Luke's Hospital/Clinic to process a pre-marital exam. Letter will be hand carried to St. Luke by the prospective alien spouse. Only examination results from the St. Luke's Hospital/Clinic located in the Philippines are accepted.)

c. Prepare an Affidavit of Support. Enclosure (1) is provided as an example (in lieu of INS Form I-134); see your Legal Officer for assistance. Additionally, applicant shall contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the prospective alien spouse's native country to confirm validity of enclosure (1) format.

d. Prospective alien spouse must complete a Personal History Statement; enclosure (2) is provided as an example of the information required.

e. Submit formal application. Submit a formal application for marriage, enclosure (3), via applicant's chain of command with sufficient copies (original and one) to CNM (N1).

8 Action Required by Applicant's Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge

a. Ensure the provisions of this directive and the references cited herein are thoroughly explained and understood by personnel submitting an application for marriage.

b. Advise the applicant not to start leave for the purpose of marriage until an authorization to marry is received from CNM.

c. Ensure the application is complete, the information provided by both the applicant and the prospective alien spouse is true and correct and all documents, forms and supporting documents are obtained from official files of the U.S. and the prospective alien spouse's native country. Document(s) required to substantiate nationality of both parties are birth or naturalization certificates bearing the embossed seal of the issuing authority or a valid U.S. passport. Extracts from military service records are not acceptable as evidence of U.S. citizenship. Certificates of birth and death, decrees of divorce and annulment, and similar official documents, must be certified, i.e., obtained from the proper issuing authority (usually the Bureau of Vital Statistics) and properly signed and sealed by the issuing authority. If applicable, translate supporting documents into English and such translations will bear certifications by the translator as to the correctness. (NOTE: When a passport or naturalization certificate is used for substantiation, it will be returned to the bearer after examination by an appropriate officer.)

d. Verify service member and prospective alien spouse has current (within last six months) medical examinations. For service member, have Medical Officer complete enclosure (4).

e. Ensure pre-marriage background investigation is completed.

f. If information is obtained in the pre-marriage background investigation or report of physical examination concerning the prospective alien spouse which may preclude the intended spouse from entering the U.S., the applicant's Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge shall take the following actions:

(1) Familiarize themselves with the provisions of reference (b) and counsel the applicant concerning the contents of the investigative report and the ramifications. Should the applicant persist in the desire to affect the proposed marriage, prepare a statement by both the member and the prospective alien spouse to the effect that they have been advised regarding the contemplated Immigration Visa in accordance with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act. Enclosure (5) is provided as a sample statement.

(2) Ensure the applicant receives additional counseling by a Legal Officer and a Military Chaplain. Enclosure (6) is provided as a sample certification of counseling by a Chaplain. Signature of a legal officer is required in enclosure (3).

g. Endorse service member's application including a recommendation for approval/disapproval and forward to CNM (N1B).

9. Application Processing Procedures. Upon receipt of an applicant's marriage request (original and a copy of the letter with enclosures), the application will be reviewed by CNM for completeness. If discrepancies are found, the applicant will be informed and given instructions/recommendations for correcting discrepancies. Applications will not be processed until a complete package is received. Where requests for correction of discrepancies/additional information are not replied to within 60 days, the application will be returned to the applicant without action.

10. Approval of Requests

a. Authorization to contract marriage will be approved by CNM as soon as a complete marriage application is received, an appropriate review has been conducted and no impediment to the marriage is found. Applicants will be informed of the approval by letter via their Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge. Pertinent instructions pertaining to the marriage will be included in the letter and must be adhered to. Approval will be valid for a period of six months from date of issue. In those cases where it is not possible for the applicant to meet the six-month deadline, an extension may be granted provided no derogatory information is received which would require additional investigation. Requests for extensions shall be submitted via the Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge.

b. CNM authorization to contract marriage does not grant the new spouse immigration rights to enter the U.S. The final determination as to the eligibility for entry of newly acquired alien spouse and/or family members rest with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of State. The U.S. Navy does not make this determination nor can the U.S. Navy intercede on behalf of the service member or newly acquired family member(s).

c. Should authorization to marry overseas be granted by CNM, the U.S. Navy is in no way obligated to provide local support, transportation of newly acquired family member(s) or household goods at government expense or any other dependent benefit normally accrued through marriage except as provided for in current directives.

d. The Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge shall notify CNM of the date and place the marriage is solemnized for each authorization granted and include a certified or true copy of the marriage contract.

11. Denial/Disapproval of Request. In those cases where a request for authorization to marry is denied, the reason for disapproval will be set forth in detail and forwarded to the applicant via his/her Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge.

12. Violations

a. Marriage in the CNM approval area by active duty personnel without prior approval is in violation of this instruction and constitutes an offense under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice. Such unauthorized marriages can present serious and continuing problems which are likely to be detrimental to the welfare of both the service member and the spouse. Violation of this directive should be met with prompt and effective action by all concerned to assist the parties to comply with requirements for having the marriage recognized for purposes of command sponsorship, etc. Marriages contracted without CNM approval may be considered valid for immigration purposes. However, immigration remains a distinctly separate issue from command sponsorship and is the sole responsibility of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of State.

b. In those cases where a marriage was contracted without prior approval of CNM, newly acquired family members will not be granted command sponsorship and associated local military family member benefits, except identification card and medical privileges, until the parties to the marriage comply with all the requirements set forth in this instruction.

c. Immediately report all marriages contracted in violation of this instruction to CNM. A request for recognition of the marriage from the service member's Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge shall include the following:

(1) Written permission from the member for recognition of marriage using the format outlined in enclosure (3), exclusive of a legal officer's signature.

(2) Certified or true copy of the marriage contract.

(3) Original or certified copy of spouse's birth certificate; however, if spouse's birth is a late registration (not registered within six months after birth), a certified copy of the baptismal certificate and elementary school record may be submitted.



(4) Original physical examination for spouse and all spouse's children. Physical examination must be completed by a Medical Officer of the U.S. Armed Forces or by a physician approved by the U.S. Consular Service (see paragraph 7b).

(5) Member must sign the following Administrative Remarks (Page 13) stating he/she may encounter delays/difficulties if/when sponsor petitions for an immigrant visa for the spouse. "The final determination as to the eligibility for entry of my spouse into the U.S. rests with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of State."

(6) Statement of Service.

(7) Record of Emergency Data (Page 2) showing present address of spouse.

### 13. Additional Information

a. General policy regarding marriage of active duty personnel in overseas areas and related matters such as immigration of alien spouse, children, step-children or adopted children is set forth in references (a) and (b).

b. Obtaining necessary care for tuberculosis for alien family members of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel (reference (c)).

c. Support of family members (reference (d)).

d. Action required for recognition of newly acquired U.S. Navy family members when such family members are acquired by marriage while the service member is stationed overseas - command sponsorship (reference (e)).

e. Marriages which take place on Guam and Saipan are considered to be performed in the U.S. and are therefore outside the scope of references (a). Although applications for permission to marry are not required, conferring with the service member should be considered consultative in nature and nothing should preclude providing appropriate legal, spiritual and marriage counseling. Additionally, the service member should be advised to contact the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office for advice and guidance.

14. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed in accordance with SECNAV Manual 5210.1.



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SAMPLE

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES  
(IN LIEU OF INS FORM I-134)

At (country, state)

I, (applicant's name), do solemnly swear that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America, having acquired United States citizenship by (birth/naturalization) on date, name & location of court, certificate of naturalization.

2. I am a resident alien of the United States of America, having been lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence on (date), (place), (alien registration no.).

3. I was born in (place), (date).

4. I am serving on active duty in the United States (branch of service) and attached to (applicant's command).

5. I joined the United States (branch of service) on (date), (place) and have served in the United States (branch of service) during the following periods:

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6. I am presently obligated for the full support of the following family members: (name, relationship).

7. My monthly base pay is (amount). I currently earn or am eligible for the following monthly allowances: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. I am financially solvent. I have incurred the following debts:

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I possess the following major assets: (item/value).

9. In the event (name of prospective alien spouse) is granted an immigrant visa to apply for admission to the United States of

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America for permanent residence, I fully agree to assume my responsibilities to provide support for my prospective alien spouse and his/her family members wherever I may be stationed. I reviewed and understand MILPERSMAN 1745-030, and I have sufficient funds to defray the expenses of marriage, appropriate visas and transportation of my prospective alien spouse and family members to the United States at my personal, non-reimbursable expense if necessary.

The purpose of this affidavit is to acknowledge full support and dependency of the above named individual and to guarantee he/she will not become a public charge in the United States of America.

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Signature of Applicant

Notarization (typed name)  
Rank, Title of Office

Note: Applicant shall contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate of the prospective alien spouse's native country to confirm validity of above format being used.

SAMPLE

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE ALIEN SPOUSE

1. Name: (surname) \_ (first)\_ \_ (middle)\_\_\_\_\_  
Aliases, nicknames and maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth: (day) (month) (year)\_\_\_\_\_
4. Place of Birth: (town/city), (state/territory), (country)\_\_\_\_\_
5. Citizenship at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_. If citizenship by means of naturalization, state place and date of naturalization and certificate number: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Overseas Travel:  

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Purpose (travel, business, etc.)</u>
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8. Employers for last 10 years:  

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>
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9. Education:  

<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
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10. I declare the information supplied herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prospective  
Alien Spouse/Date

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(Date)

From: Applicant's Rank, Name, SSN, Branch of Service  
To: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (Attn: N1)  
PSC 455 Box 152, FPO AP 96540-1000  
Via: Applicant's Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge  
Subj: APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY A NON-U.S. CITIZEN IN  
(COUNTRY)  
Ref: (a) COMNAVMARIANASINST 1752.1G  
Encl: (1) Affidavit of Support with the United States Armed  
Forces  
(2) Personal History Statement of Prospective Alien  
Spouse  
(3) Certificate of Completed Marriage/Background  
Investigation Prospective Alien Spouse  
(4) Birth/Baptismal Certificates for Prospective Alien  
Spouse  
(5) Certificate of Medical Examination of Applicant  
(6) Certificate of Medical Examination of Prospective  
Alien Spouse (from a Medical Officer of the U.S.  
Armed Forces or by a physician approved by the U.S.  
Consular Service)  
(7) Evidence of Termination of all Previous Marriages  
(if applicable)  
(8) Certificate of Counseling by a Chaplain  
(if applicable)  
(9) Parental Consent for Minors (up to age 19 years)  
(if applicable)  
(10) Additional enclosures as necessary

1. It is requested I be granted permission to marry (name of prospective alien spouse) in (country). Enclosure (1) through ( ) are submitted in compliance with reference (a).

Enclosure (3)

2. The following personal data concerning myself is submitted:

- Rank/Rate -
- Date and place of birth -
- Citizenship -
- Marital status - ( ) single ( ) divorced ( ) widowed
- Number of previous marriages and dates terminated -
- Present family members (relationship and age) -
- Permanent residence -
- Present military address -
- Projected rotation date -

3. The following personal data concerning my prospective alien spouse is submitted:

- Full name -
- Present address -
- Date and place of birth -
- Citizenship -
- Marital status - ( ) single ( ) divorced ( ) widowed
- Number of previous marriages and dates terminated -
- Present family members (relationship and age) -

4. The telephone numbers and address where I can be reached in case of any questions or additional information regarding my request are as follows:

Command Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (COMM): \_\_\_\_\_  
(DSN): \_\_\_\_\_  
(EMAIL): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (COMM): \_\_\_\_\_

5. I certify I was adequately counseled by a Legal Officer and understand the provisions and restrictions of the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, as amended, concerning entry into the United States. I investigated the conditions that must be satisfied for my prospective alien spouse and children (if applicable) to gain entry into the United States for permanent residence. I understand final determination as to the eligibility for entry of my prospective alien spouse into the United States is not determined until application for visa is made and further, the U.S. Navy does not make this determination. I understand, should authority to marry be granted, the United States is in no way obligated to transport my spouse and family members to the United States except as provided for in current directives.

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Legal Officer  
(witnessing signature and  
providing counseling)



SAMPLE

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT

This is to certify that (applicant's name) was physically examined.

The applicant (is/is not) free from mental illness, infectious venereal disease, active tuberculosis or any major communicable diseases.

The applicant is suffering from (list specific illness/disease) and is not qualified to marry at this time. Another physical examination may be requested after (indicate number) month(s).

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Signature of Medical Officer  
Type Name, Rank, Service,  
Duty Station

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: Applicant's Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge  
To: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (J1)

1. Forwarded recommending (approval/disapproval).
2. The applicant's (medical screening/examination) was verified by his/her Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge.
3. Appropriate additional information:

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Signature of Commanding Officer/  
Officer in Charge

SAMPLE

STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING POSSIBLE INELIGIBILITY  
FOR NON-QUOTA IMMIGRATION VISA

(Date)

As set forth in MILPERSMAN 5352-030/Marine Corps Order 1752.1C, we were advised regarding our contemplated marriage and are aware that (name of prospective alien spouse) may not be eligible for an immediate relative immigration visa to the United States in accordance with the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 (Public Law 414, 82nd Congress) as amended. Even in those cases in which a visa is granted, there is no guarantee that an alien spouse will be admitted into the United States at the port of entry; final jurisdiction regarding entry of aliens is within the cognizance of the U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization. Fully acknowledging this fact, we nevertheless hereby declare that we desire our contemplated marriage be authorized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant  
Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prospective  
Alien Spouse

Parent's Approval (if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Member's Parent's  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Alien Spouse's  
Parent's Signature

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CERTIFICATE OF COUNSELING BY A CHAPLAIN

This is to certify that (applicant's name) was adequately counseled regarding the problems and responsibilities of marriage.

Signature of Chaplain/Date  
Type Name, Rank, Service  
Duty Station

Enclosure (6)