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MEMORANDUM

From: Deputy Commandant for Aviation

Subj: MARINES FLYING IN OR ABOARD FOREIGN MILITARY AIRCRAFT (FMA) FOR TRAINING/ORIENTATION FLIGHTS

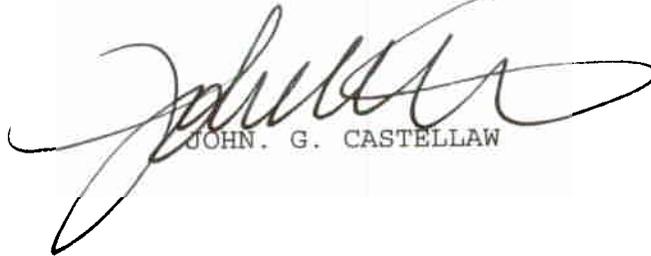
Ref: (a) MCO 5700.4E  
(b) MCO 5720.73

1. This memorandum constitutes Marine Aviation policy regarding the authorization to fly in (as aircrew) or onboard (as passenger) Foreign Military Aircraft (FMA) for training/orientation flights. Aeronautically Designated Personnel (ADP), Marine Aviators or Naval Flight Officers, may participate in training/orientation aerial flights in FMA as prescribed below. Non-ADP Marines may fly onboard FMA for training/orientation flights as prescribed below.
2. Those Marine Corps personnel officially on a Marine Corps Foreign Personnel Exchange Program assignment are covered in Ref (a) and do not fall under this policy.
3. Authorization of other than USMC personnel, civilian, military, or foreign, to fly in or onboard USMC aircraft is covered under Ref (b) and does not fall under this policy.
4. Flights in or onboard FMA that are conducted for other than training/orientation purposes (e.g: Combat, Humanitarian Assistance, etc) are not authorized under this policy and such requests shall be directed to the theater combatant commanders as required.
5. Those situations where Marines are part of scheduled training exercises (eg: Cobra Gold, Noble Shirley, etc) and have established agreements pertaining to flying in or onboard FMA during the exercise, shall use the exercise's established agreement in lieu of this policy.
6. Situations where there are no scheduled training exercises and or where no established agreements exist, units requesting ADP or Marines to fly in or onboard FMA shall use the procedures described below.
  - a. Requests for authorization of flights in or onboard FMA shall be made to the first General/Flag Officer via the requesting unit's chain of command. The request shall contain the following:

- 1) Date and location of aerial flight,

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- 2) Nation, Service, T/M/S, type of sortie to be flown,
  - 3) Rank, Name, SSN (Last 4), MOS, Blood Type of individual(s) to fly in or aboard FMA,
  - 4) What is to be gained from said flights (cross training, exposure to aircraft performance, etc),
  - 5) Acknowledgement of reasonable use of current ORM practices to mitigate safety concerns,
  - 6) Acknowledgement of unit's capability to successfully implement a casualty assistance plan,
  - 7) Acknowledgement of the host nation's service's flight requirements have been met in full to include:
    - a) Host service authorization of said flight,
    - b) Host service training requirements, and proper aircraft and safety briefings.
    - c) Equivalent U.S. Naval Aviation Survival Training Program (NASTP) may be substituted only if approved by the host nation's service.
- b. Authorization of flights in or onboard FMA shall be received by requesting unit prior to the actual flight taking place.
7. Use of FMA for actual emergency medivac of Marines is exempt from this policy and the decision to use FMA will be at the discretion of the On-Scene Commander.
8. HQMC POC is ASM: DSN 224-1244/1566, Comm 703-614-1244/1556.

  
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