




1 April 2009

Stand Down for Standards

1. In August 2008 I changed the Curfew Policy after consultations with Senior Leaders and service members of all ranks and services from across Korea. At that time I relaxed the curfew from 0100–0500 hours on the weekend to 0300-0500 hours. I did this because of my belief and confidence in all of our service members to act according to proper standards of conduct. I also said that I would do a six-month review of our rates of indiscipline and make a further decision on whether to maintain the new policy, further relax the curfew, or reinstate a tougher policy.
2. I have conducted that review and see a trend that is showing a steady rise in serious acts of indiscipline. The numbers of acts of sexual assaults, aggravated assaults, assaults and disorderly conduct have increased over the six months since last August when the relaxed curfew was put in effect. This is unacceptable and we must act now to correct this trend.
3. I am directing the following actions: On Friday the 24th of April the curfew will be from 2200 until 0500 hours Saturday morning the 25th. All units will conduct a recall formation for all service-members present for duty here in Korea at 0800 hours the 25th of April to conduct “Stand Down for Standards” training. The training will end at 1200 hours on the 25th.
4. The following subjects will be trained: Sexual Assault Prevention and Reporting; Customs and Courtesies; Culture of Responsible Choice; Wingman/Battle Buddy Concept; Service-Specific Core Values; Local Policies (i.e., Curfew Policy History and Purpose, Prostitution and Human Trafficking), Gangs in the Military; and Leadership Responsibilities. Commanders at the O-4/5 level can direct their leadership to report at 0700hrs to talk with their leaders about leader-specific issues related to these subjects.
5. An EFO will follow shortly that will provide more specifics on the training material and resources required to properly conduct the training. Units will use the Train-the-Trainer method to prepare their instructors for the training. Leaders at all levels will attend and evaluate the training. Units will ensure that all newly arriving personnel receive this training as part of their in-processing and it must be done at least quarterly by first-line supervisors as part of their *Under-the-Oak-Tree Counseling*.
6. This action is not meant to punish any of our service members who are acting appropriately and doing the right thing. This stand down is intended to correct a trend that is unacceptable and if not corrected could lead to a serious incident that would adversely impact you, your service and our alliance.

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