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Marijuana's prohibited uses: who, what, when, and why?

By Capt. Nathaniel Freeman
19th Airlift Wing Legal Office

The Department of Defense has made it abundantly clear that military members are prohibited from using marijuana and marijuana-related substances. While some states have decriminalized or legalized marijuana for medical or recreational uses, marijuana remains an illegal Schedule I Controlled Substance under federal law. Service members and DoD employees must comply with federal law, and therefore must abstain from using marijuana. Department of Defense Instruction 1010.4 states, "it is DoD policy to ... prohibit DoD personnel from unlawfully possessing, dispensing, selling, or using illicit drugs." Using marijuana is a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The maximum punishment for wrongful use of marijuana under the UCMJ is a dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and five years of confinement.

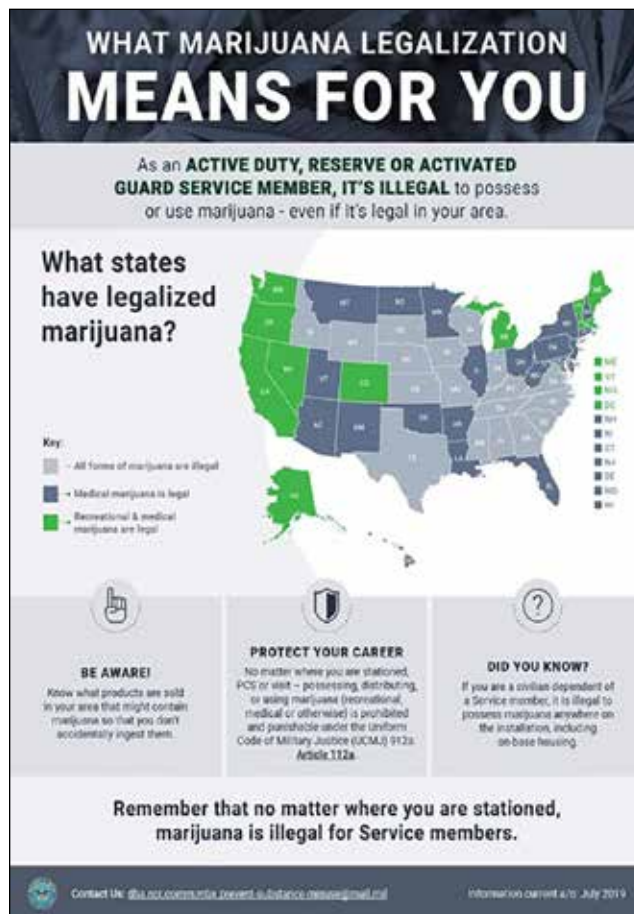
This article aims to clear up some common misconceptions regarding marijuana use for DoD employees and service members.

Who is prohibited from using marijuana?

All military service members (Active Duty, Reservists, and Guard members) and DoD civilian employees are required to abstain from the use, possession, and distribution of marijuana and its derivatives. Additionally, possessing and or using these substances is prohibited to anyone entering the installation, including dependents, contractors and visitors.

What types and methods of marijuana use are prohibited?

The use, possession, and distribution of marijuana and any of its derivatives is forbidden and punishable under the UCMJ, regardless of its intended purpose. Derivatives include tetrahydrocannabinol, THC oil, cannabidiol, and cannabidiol oil, which are products of the cannabis plant. Hemp and hemp oil are also prohib-



ited. Air Force Instruction 90-507, paragraph 1.1.6 notes that "products made with hemp seed and hemp seed oil may contain varying levels of tetrahydrocannabinol, an active ingredient of marijuana, which is detectable under the Air Force Drug Testing Program." Using these products by any method — smoking, eating, applying as an ointment — is forbidden. Make sure to be informed of the ingredients listed on the products you consume and use to ensure that items do not contain these substances. This cannot be emphasized strongly enough — it is your responsibility to know what substances you are consuming or applying to your body in order to ensure they do not contain illicit substances. This relates to items you

intend to eat, drink, smoke, or use on or for your body in any form. If you test positive for drug usage, it is not a valid excuse that you did not know the contents of an item or that you obtained such an item from another individual or an unknown source.

Another important consideration, owning marijuana-related stocks could potentially affect your employment status and security clearance. Some marijuana stocks are included in mutual funds, so do your research to make sure that any stocks you purchase do not involve marijuana.

As noted in the Opinion of the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force 2019-23, the use of CBD is generally permissible only for a valid prescription of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved Epidiolex, a drug used for the treatment of seizures associated with rare forms of epilepsy. This same document notes that CBD is not well regulated and can trigger a positive THC result in drug testing laboratories.

When is marijuana use prohibited?

Aside from the rare exception noted above, marijuana is always prohibited. This applies whether a service member is in active or inactive status, on or off duty, on or off base. DoD employees are also held to these standards for the duration of their employment.

Why is marijuana (and its derivatives) prohibited?

Marijuana and its associated substances carry harmful side effects, both short term and long term, which are disruptive to the Air Force mission. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, common side effects include panic, fear, distrust, and anxiety. Its use can also cause impaired thinking, breathing, and coordination. It is easy to see how marijuana use undermines the Air Force's mandate to maintain a lethal force that is always ready to fly, fight, and win.

To report information regarding marijuana or other controlled substances, including prescription drug abuse, please call the 19th Security Forces Squadron Office of Investigations at (501) 987-3620.

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UNIT
19th Operations Support Squadron
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Wilmington, North Carolina

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2020 Little Rock Air Force Base Compatible Use Study

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The 2020 Little Rock Air Force Base Compatible Use Study is a cooperative planning effort conducted as a joint venture between Little Rock AFB and Pulaski County, White County, Lonoke County, Cabot, Jacksonville, Sherwood, Lonoke, Maumelle, North Little Rock and other jurisdictions and stakeholders in proximity to the base. In addition to the Little Rock AFB, the Study also includes lands near Camp Robinson and Blackjack Drop Zone, which are used by the Air Force, as well. The City of Jacksonville is the Compatible Use Study project sponsor and coordinating office.



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The Compatible Use Study project team is using a short survey to gain insights into community perceptions and opinions relating to the presence and activities of Little Rock AFB, Camp Robinson, and Blackjack Drop. We appreciate your input and request that you do not complete this survey more than once. While you are always welcome to provide your input on the 2020 Little Rock AFB Compatible Use Study by going to www.littlerockafb-cus.org, we will only accept survey

responses until at 5 p.m. March 6.

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19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFIARS



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Austin Hocog, 19th Medical Group bioenvironmental technician, prepares a gas mask during a radiological aircraft recovery training exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 23. The 19th Airlift Wing continues to forge Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear readiness through monthly Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) Rodeos.



(Above) Two Airmen from the 61st Airlift Squadron walk toward a bus that will transport them to a decontamination line during a radiological aircraft recovery training exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 23.

(Below) U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Austin Hocog, 19th Medical Group bioenvironmental technician, simulates inspecting for radiation on an aircraft while an Airman from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron logs information during a radiological aircraft recovery training exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 23. The 19th Airlift Wing conducts monthly Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) exercises to maintain full spectrum readiness.

(Left) Airmen from the 19th Operations Support Squadron and 19th Medical Group bioenvironmental flight inspect an Airman from the 41st Airlift Squadron as part of a simulated decontamination line during a radiological aircraft recovery training exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 23. The decontamination line allows any member who has possibly been exposed to radiation to be safely checked then decontaminated.





(Above) Airmen from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron watch as a C-130J Super Hercules parks during a radiological aircraft recovery training exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 23.



(Right) Two Airmen from the 19th Operations Support Squadron untie a 41st Airlift Squadron Airman's boots as part of a simulated decontamination line during a radiological aircraft recovery training exercise at Little Rock Air Force Base on Jan. 23.

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ARMY'S JRTC KICKS OFF GFLR 20-03

STORY AND PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AARON IRVIN, 19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Personnel from the 34th Combat Training Squadron and the U.S. Army collaborated with coalition forces from Canada during the joint forcible entry and airborne assault to kick off exercise Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 Jan. 11-21 at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Alexandria, Louisiana.

GFLR 20-03 was held in conjunction with exercise JRTC 20-03 in Fort Polk, the Army's final certification event before they are deemed ready to deploy or assume a ready force posture.

This joint live-training tactical exercise focused on combat airlift and airdrop operations, interoperability with our Joint and international partners, as well as survival, evasion, resistance and escape.

"In the 34th CTS, our focus is on improving the joint relationship between the mobility air forces and our joint partners," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Phillip Newman, 34th CTS director of operations.

This exercise also included partners from the 921st Contingency Response Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, 321st Contingency Response Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey, six C-130J Super Hercules from the 41st and 61st Airlift Squadrons from Little Rock Air Force Base, four C-17 Globemaster III's from the 62nd Airlift Wing at

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, two C-17 Globemaster III's from the 437th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, and two C-130J Super Hercules' from the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The desired training objective was to simulate an airfield assault, airfield opening and subsequent follow-on sustainment support in which participants train together to ensure efficient interoperability for potential future operations, Newman said.

"We're trying to give our crews combat-like experience before they deploy by increasing exposure to working with an external command and control agency," he explained.

In addition to promoting interoperability between the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and international partners, this exercise focused on the ability to operate cohesively in an austere environment and being able to rapidly assemble forces in response to crises.

"The joint force aspect improves everyone involved," Newman said. "It allows the U.S. Army users to become familiar with different regulations the U.S. Air Force has on preparing cargo before it can be loaded on an aircraft. From a

See GFLR 20-03, 11



U.S. Air Force reservist Tech. Sgt. Kristen Garrett, 96th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation specialist, performs a maintenance check on a K-loader during Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 11. Exercises like GFLR 20-03 ensure the development of ready, willing and capable partners to collectively address global security challenges.



Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, perform gear checks prior to boarding a C-130J Super Hercules during the joint forcible entry and airborne assault which kicked off Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 12. GFLR 20-03 was held in conjunction with exercise JRTC 20-03 in Fort Polk, Louisiana, the Army's final certification event before they are deemed ready to deploy or assume a ready force posture.



An Airman from the 621st Contingency Response Wing speaks with a member of the 31st Canadian Brigade Group before the joint forcible entry and airborne assault, which kicked off Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 12.



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A pilot from the 61st Airlift Squadron gives a pre-flight mission brief on the back of a C-130J Super Hercules during the joint forcible entry and airborne assault which kicked off Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 12. GFLR 20-03 focused on the ability to operate cohesively in an austere environment while being able to rapidly assemble forces in response to crises.



(Above right) Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, board a C-130J Super Hercules during the joint forcible entry and airborne assault which kicked off Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 12.



A loadmaster from the 41st Airlift Squadron performs a pre-flight check during Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 11. GFLR allows the Air Force to improve the joint relationship between mobility air forces and joint partners.



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A soldier from the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, walks to a C-17 Globemaster III during the joint forcible entry and airborne assault which kicked off Green Flag Little Rock 20-03 at Alexandria International Airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Jan. 12. GFLR 20-03 was held in conjunction with exercise JRTC 20-3 in Fort Polk, Louisiana, the Army's final certification event before they are deemed ready to deploy or assume a ready force posture.

GFLR 20-03

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planning perspective, it allows U.S. Air Force aircrew to better understand how important the training is to increase cohesiveness and lethality.”

Exercises like this improve the process of getting a ground force moved into an area as rapidly as possible so they can build a combat capability in the objective area.

“This exercise helps aircrew the “why” behind all the training while also being able to drop actual equipment and personnel rather than simulating it,” Newman said.

Exercises like GFLR 20-03 and JRTC 20-3 ensures the development of ready, willing and capable partners to collectively address global security challenges.

“This training allows our crews to be immersed in a scenario that an individual base or squadron can’t organically create,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Thomas Joyner, 34th CTS commander. “We aren’t going to get the same level of players, threat systems, or the Joint effort aspect obtained in a standard exercise. GFLR is a much more robust and enriched training environment for all participants.”

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No courts-martials during the 4th quarter.

ARTICLE 15 ACTIONS

(Non-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT)

■ A Staff Sergeant received a suspended reduction to Senior Airman, forfeitures of \$1,332 pay per month for two months, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for reckless driving causing personal injury in violation of Article 113 of the UCMJ.

■ A Senior Airman received a reduction to Airman First Class and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

■ An Airman First Class received a reduction to Airman Basic and a reprimand for disrespect to a superior commissioned officer in command, in violation of Article 89 of the UCMJ and provoking speech or gestures in violation of Article 117 of the UCMJ.

■ A Senior Master Sergeant received a reduction to Master Sergeant and a reprimand for two specifications of willful dereliction of duty for sexual and offensive comments in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ A Technical Sergeant received a suspended reduction to Staff Sergeant and a reprimand for willful dereliction of duty for GTC misuse in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ An Airman First Class received a suspended reduction to Airman and a reprimand for willful dereliction of duty for possession of alcohol while under the legal age of 21 years old in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ A Technical Sergeant received a suspended reduction to Staff Sergeant and a reprimand for willful dereliction of duty for inappropriate comments, in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ An Airman received a reduction to Airman Basic and a reprimand for drunk on duty in violation of Article 112 of the UCMJ.

■ A Technical Sergeant received a suspended reduction to Staff Sergeant, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand for making derogatory comments in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ An Airman First Class received a reduction to Airman, 7 days extra duty, suspended forfeitures of \$300 for 2 months and a reprimand for consumption of alcohol while under the legal age of 21 years old, in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ An Airman First Class received a reduction to Airman Basic, suspended forfeitures of \$840.00 for 2 months and a reprimand for drunk driving, child endangerment, and resisting apprehension, in violation

of Article 113, Article 119, and Article 87 of the UCMJ.

■ A Senior Airman received a reduction to Airman First Class and a reprimand for failure to go, in violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

■ A Senior Airman received a reduction to Airman First Class with a suspended reduction to Airman and a reprimand for willful dereliction by violating a 24 hour quarters order and for failing to obey a regulation, in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

■ A Senior Airman received a reduction to Airman First Class with a suspended reduction to Airman and a reprimand for failure to go, in violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

■ A Staff Sergeant received a reduction to Senior Airman and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana, in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES

■ An Airman First Class was discharged with a General service characterization for drug abuse.


■ An Airman Basic was discharged with a General service characterization for minor disciplinary infractions.

■ An Airman Basic was discharged with a General service characterization for drug abuse.

■ A Senior Airman was discharged with a General service characterization for drug abuse.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By Jeffrey Pryor, 19th Airlift Wing Historian

■ **1945 – WWII:** Raid at Cabanatuan: 126 American Rangers and Filipino resistance liberate 500 prisoners from the Cabanatuan POW camp. Many of the liberated troops were from the 19th Bombardment Group. The film The Great Raid, is an accurate depiction of this operation.

■ **1973:** Paris Peace Accords signed. The United States, South Vietnam, Viet Cong,

and North Vietnam formally sign “An Agreement Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam” in Paris.

■ **1986:** The NASA space shuttle Challenger exploded just 73 seconds after liftoff, bringing a devastating end to the spacecraft’s 10th mission. The disaster claimed the lives of all seven astronauts aboard, including Christa McAuliffe, a

teacher from New Hampshire who would have been the first civilian in space.

■ **1991:** Late January 1991, reports of a huge oil spill in the Persian Gulf began to surface. Iraqi forces purposefully opened valves at the Sea Island oil terminal and dumped oil from several tankers into the Persian Gulf in a strategic wartime move against U.S. forces.

Office closure

The 19th Medical Group will be changing their readiness training day from the fourth Thursday of the month to the third Thursday of each month starting Feb. 20, and the 19th Medical Group will be closed the entire day on these training days. This change is to align their training days with the 19th Airlift Wing’s monthly Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeos.



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