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MEMORANDUM FOR

HQ USAREUR and IMCOM-Europe Staff Principals
Commanders of USAREUR Major Subordinate Commands and Commands Under
USAREUR Operational Control
Commanders of United States Army Garrisons
Commanders of Combatant Commands and Major Subordinate Commands Under
Combatant Command Operational Control in Europe

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy to AE Regulation 350-1, Appendix P, USAREUR Staff Ride Program (AE Cmd Memo 2020-026)

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. References.

- a. [AE Regulation 350-1](#), Training and Leader Development in Europe.
- b. AR 1-50, Army Conference Policy.
- c. AR 870-5, Military History: Responsibilities, Policies, and Procedures.
- d. 7th Army Training Command, Combined Arms Training Center, Ordering and Implementing Instructions (OII) OPD/NCOPD Battlefield Staff Rides (BSRs), 18 July 2019.

2. Applicability. The policy addressed in this memorandum applies to commanders and staff principals of Army in Europe organizations.

3. Policy. This memorandum establishes an exception to the policy in [AE Regulation 350-1, appendix P](#), and provides guidance to commanders and staff requesting to use the USAREUR Staff Ride Program. It provides general guidance and delegates legal, fiscal, and control responsibility to commands with a general officer (GO) or a Senior Executive Service (SES) Level 1 principal. This exception to policy (ETP) does not relieve commanders and staff principals of following [AE Regulation 350-1, appendix P](#), but allows for a streamlined authorization process within their commands.

- a. BSRs are historical studies of campaigns or battles that involve a systematic preliminary study phase on the actual historical site and an integration phase to capture the lessons derived from each phase.

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b. A BSR is a time- and resource-intensive event that requires the same high levels of planning associated with major training missions. Commands are required to conduct an internal planning process to ensure projected operational tempo funding is within the guidance in [AE Regulation 350-1, appendix P](#).

4. ETP.

a. Any GO or SES in a unit under USAREUR operational control (OPCON) is delegated the authority to approve staff rides. Staff principals and commanders under USAREUR OPCON who do not have a GO or SES in their immediate chain of command must continue to seek approval from the Chief of Staff, HQ USAREUR, or the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, USAREUR, in accordance with [AE Regulation 350-1, appendix P](#).

b. Commanders of combatant commands and commanders of MSCs under combatant commands that are OPCON in Europe and are not required to adhere to any USAREUR regulations are exempt from the policy in [AE Regulation 350-1](#). However, it is requested that they follow the guidance in appendix P of the regulation when using USAREUR staff ride contracting services.

5. POC. The POC for this memorandum is the Training Policy Officer, Training Branch, G3/7 Training and Exercises Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, HQ USAREUR, at military 314-537-3136.



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