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ARMY V ROYAL NAVY RUGBY MATCH – TWICKENHAM 9 May 2015

1. **Purpose.** All Service Personnel are to be made aware of the following orders in respect of the Army v Royal Navy Rugby matches to be held at Kneller Hall (Royal Military School of Music) and Twickenham Rugby Stadium on Sat 9 May 15. The purpose of this instruction is to give clear guidance and information to the chain of command and all those intending to go to the Rugby matches. The day is a high profile event and all military personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not bring HM Services into disrepute. All personnel must be made aware of these orders by the chain of command.
2. **Introduction.** The 98th Rugby match between the Army and the Royal Navy is to be played at Twickenham on Sat 9 May 15. Kick off is at 1500 hrs. This is the 90th time the game has been played at Twickenham. The match will be preceded by the Masters and Ladies fixtures against the Navy at Kneller Hall in the morning with a kick off for both matches at 1030 hrs. The day's events are acknowledged to be the largest sporting occasion of the Services' annual calendar and as such are categorized as a Public Military Event. All those who attend are expected to apply the necessary security precautions in line with existing security policy and threat levels.
3. Unfortunately, the occasion has been marred in recent years by a small number of Service personnel (and Veterans) who have engaged in unacceptable behaviour, mainly as a result of the consumption of alcohol, whilst travelling to/from Twickenham, before, during and after the match. This unacceptable behaviour has brought the Services into disrepute. In past years the Service Chiefs issued a letter through the chain of command concerning behaviour on the day. Whilst the warning was heeded in the main there were still too many incidents and offences committed. A similar letter from the Service Chiefs will be distributed through the chain of command in addition to this LFGRO.
4. **Information.** For information about the rugby match go to www.armynavymatch.org.uk.
5. **Tickets.** For ticket sales go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk (telephone: 0844 847 2492) or tickets may be bought through the Royal Navy and Army Rugby Unions as follows:
 - a. **Royal Navy.** Royal Navy Rugby Union at www.navyrugbyunion.co.uk (telephone: 0844 879 4941).
 - b. **Army.** Information on the Army Rugby Union is at www.armyrugbyunion.org.uk for ticket sales use www.arutickets.com.
6. **Gates.** The stadium gates at Twickenham will open at 1145 hrs.
7. **Rugby Football Union Ground Rules.** By buying a ticket for the match, personnel are to note that they are agreeing to abide by the Rugby Football Union Ground Rules and that they will obey instructions from Rugby Football Union stewards. Failure to comply with instructions given by Rugby Football Union stewards will result in eviction from the stadium or car parks. For more information on the Rugby Football Union Ground Rules your attention is drawn to www.rfu.com/TwickenhamStadium/GroundRules.aspx.
8. **Police and Public Safety Matters.** To safeguard all those going to the matches and the local communities in and around Twickenham, the Metropolitan Police Service and the Military Police will police fairly, but robustly, the build up to, during, and the dispersal from the respective grounds. This is not to detract from the atmosphere of the day, but public safety is the top priority for the Police. Any form of ill discipline will be treated as unacceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated by the chain of command; it brings HM Services into disrepute in the eyes of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the local community. Continued misbehaviour significantly threatens the future use of Twickenham Rugby Stadium as a venue for the Army v Royal Navy match. Use of the stadium is a privilege and not a right. The following should be noted:

a. **Travelling to/from Twickenham in Service/Public transport.** All must be aware of the increased number of alcohol related incidents that have been caused whilst travelling to/from the event either on public or Service hired transport e.g. by travelling on the trains or on coaches. This behaviour will not be tolerated and offenders will be reported through the chain of command.

b. **In Twickenham Town.**

(1) **Gatherings outside Public Houses.** Personnel who do gather at public houses are to note that once a public house is full the Police will not allow any drinkers to congregate in areas outside the public house. Crowds will be dispersed and moved on. The Metropolitan Police Service, supported by Military Police, will act to keep pavements open and barriers will be erected to control movement and prevent disruption to pedestrians and traffic. Anyone failing to comply with Police instructions could be liable to arrest for public order or obstruction of the highway offences. The Military Police will report offenders to commanders.

(2) **Public Toilets.** Public toilets will be available in Twickenham town centre and they will be sign posted. Toilets are also available in the Rugby Football Union car parks.

(3) **Urinating in a Public Place.** Urinating in a public place is one of the main offences that occurs during the day and is not acceptable. The Metropolitan Police will issue a fixed penalty to anybody caught urinating in a public place. The Military Police will report all offenders to Commanding Officers.

(4) **Closing Time and Departure from Twickenham Town Centre.** It should be noted that all public bars in Twickenham town centre will close at 1900 hrs. The Metropolitan Police Service, assisted by the Military Police, will enforce the closing times and ensure that drinkers disperse. Personnel should plan their departure from the town centre on foot, train or coach so as not to be loitering in the town unnecessarily thereafter. Early departure by coach and train is to be encouraged. The Metropolitan Police Service, assisted by the Military Police will also patrol in and around the local areas to Twickenham town centre, to discourage alcohol related incidents after 1900 hrs.

c. **In the Stadium and its environs.**

(1) **Prohibited Behaviour.** The following behaviour is prohibited and will be the subject of disciplinary action:

(a) **Streaking.** 'Streaking', in any public area, brings the Services into disrepute and will not be tolerated.

(b) Encouraging and/or assisting anyone, whether Service or civilian, to 'streak'.

(c) Unauthorised entry onto the playing area i.e. the pitch and surrounding grassed area together with the emergency vehicle routes lying between the grassed area and the stands. Streaking will be an aggravating factor in this offence.

(d) Encouraging and/or assisting anyone, whether Service or civilian, to gain unauthorised entry onto the playing area.

(e) Wilfully causing, without reasonable excuse, any object to enter the playing area, for example, but not limited to: inflatable balls/toys, streamers and/or banners.

(f) Failing to comply, without reasonable excuse, with instructions from the Military or Civilian Police, stewards, servants or agents of the RFU, security contractors or any other official, including to disperse and/or move along from certain areas.

(g) All behaviour that interferes, without reasonable excuse, with the matches including; pre-main match games, pre-match warm-ups, National Anthems, Silences, half time, resume of play, injury time, any pauses in play, award/presentation ceremony and/or maintenance to the playing area.

(2) **Pitch Invasion.**

(a) **Reporting by Military Police.** Pitch invasions will not be tolerated. The Metropolitan Police Service/Military Police will arrest anybody who unlawfully invades the pitch at any time for aggravated trespass. The number/rank/rate and name of any Service person who brings the Services/game into disrepute and offenders will be reported to their Commanding Officers.

(b) **Life Ban.** Where a member of Services is involved in prohibited behavior and that individual is identified as belonging to a unit, that as a rugby club, is accredited to the Rugby Football Union, the unit's club may, depending on the circumstances of the case, also be charged under RFU Rule 5.12 (conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Union and/or the Game) and be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set out in RFU regulation 19 (Discipline). Should a breach of RFU Rule 5.12 be upheld by the Royal Navy or Army Rugby Union Disciplinary Panel, it will have the power to impose various sanctions and this includes imposing a life time ban on any individual or unit from attending future Army v Navy rugby matches.

(3) **Disciplinary/Administrative Action.** All Service personnel are reminded that the match is a high profile televised event and they should avoid any actions that could bring HM Services into disrepute. Service personnel are reminded that any acts (inside or outside the Stadium and surrounding area) of disorderly conduct or causing disrepute to HM Services whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fighting or threatening, provocative and insulting behaviour, obstructing or failing to assist a Military Policeman and/or resistance to arrest may be dealt with as a disciplinary offence. This is not an exhaustive list but merely examples of common offences. Other offences such as indecent exposure, theft, public order offences and acts of violence are likely to be dealt with as criminal conduct offences. Offenders will be reported to their Commanding Officers. In addition, Administrative Action will be considered where Service personnel receive a civil conviction, fixed penalty notice, anti social behaviour orders or rugby football banning orders.

(4) **Smoking.** Smoking is prohibited in Twickenham Stadium by law. Smoking is permitted on the East, North & West outer concourses but is prohibited under the enclosed South concourse, as laid down in the Rugby Football Union Ground Rules, www.rfu.com/TwickenhamStadium/GroundRules.aspx for further information.

(5) **RVs and Reunions.** Personnel wishing to meet up with friends and colleagues are strongly advised to meet at the rugby grounds of Kneller Hall or Twickenham Stadium for a drink before the game rather than in the public houses in Twickenham. Rugby Football Union car parks will be open from 0830 hrs and should be considered as the safest place for an RV or a reunion.

(6) **Bars run by the Army and the Royal Navy (Services' Bars).** Services' bars will be open from 1200 hrs to 1430 hrs and then for 3 hrs after the end of the match. Services' bars are only open to those who have bought the appropriate Service/Corps wrist band. Access to these bars is controlled by Rugby Football Union stewards. Failure to comply with Rugby Football Union stewards' instructions could result in eviction from the stadium. The Military Police will report offenders to Commanding Officers.

(7) **Admittance of Children.** Children under 14 years old are not permitted to enter Services' bars.

(8) **Public Bars at the Ground.** The public bars will be open from 1200 hrs to 1430 hrs. The bars will reopen at the end of the match and stay open for 1 hr. A staggered closing schedule will be in place.

(9) **Prohibition of the Sale of Alcohol through Illegal Bars.** Alcohol is not to be sold, either by cash or by chit, in any of the Rugby Football Union car parks at any time. Rugby Football Union stewards supported by the Metropolitan Police Service will close and evict any illegal bars run by units/individuals. Those responsible for running an illegal bar may be liable for prosecution for offences committed against the Licensing Act. The Military Police will report offenders to commanders.

(10) **Use of Generators.** The use of generators in the car parks is prohibited and Rugby Football Union stewards are empowered to impound them. Failure to comply with the instructions from the Rugby Football Union stewards will result in the Military Police reporting offenders to commanders.

(11) **Raising Money for Unit Charities.** At each game there is one official charity. Units are not permitted to sell regimental or unit items to raise money for their own charitable causes and this includes the selling of wrist bands. The selling of unauthorized charitable merchandise will be stopped by Rugby Football Union stewards and the Military Police.

9. **Arrival by Vehicle – Vehicle Security Certificate.**

a. **Compliance.** The Metropolitan Police Service and the Rugby Football Union have agreed that those who arrive by vehicle (including coaches) displaying Annex A to this GRO (the Vehicle Security Certificate) in the windscreen of their vehicle will not, routinely, be subject to a search on *security* grounds. Only one Annex A is required per vehicle. Annex A should not be displayed in the windscreen until the vehicle arrives at Twickenham. The Metropolitan Police Service and the Rugby Football Union do, however, have the right to search any vehicle even if the Annex A is being displayed. All personnel must comply with Metropolitan Police Service and the Rugby Football Union Stewards' instructions.

b. **Non-Compliance.** If the Annex A is not displayed or the occupants cannot produce one between them, the vehicle will be searched by Rugby Football Union stewards.

c. **Other Searches.** It should be noted that the Rugby Football Union and the Metropolitan Police Service reserve the right to search any vehicle even if Annex A is displayed to prevent breaches in the Licensing Act and to enforce Food Hygiene and Health and Safety Regulations.

10. This LFGRO is to be routinely repeated in Unit Orders until the 9 May 2015.

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9 May 2015: ARMY v NAVY RUGBY MATCH

VEHICLE SECURITY CERTIFICATE

TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE WINDSCREEN ON ARRIVAL AT TWICKENHAM

This vehicle, registration number has been thoroughly searched and made secure from the point of departure and throughout the journey to Rugby Football Union Twickenham.

Signed:

Name/Initials: