



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
COALITION FORCES LAND COMPONENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND
APO AE 09304

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25 MAY 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJ [REDACTED] Headquarters, 800th MP Brigade, APO AE, 09375

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Reprimand

1. You are hereby reprimanded. It has been reported to me that on 16 May 2003, you consumed an alcoholic beverage at Camp Bucca, Iraq, the theater internment facility for enemy prisoners of war (EPW). Your consumption of alcohol occurred in the presence of a junior enlisted soldier.
2. Your decision to consume alcohol was both foolhardy and reflects a failure to conform to the high standards expected of an Army officer. The foolhardiness of your decision is established by review of the highly volatile operational environment at Camp Bucca. Camp Bucca is an EPW camp, located in recently occupied enemy territory. EPWs have been shot while escaping or threatening guards or other prisoners, and suspected war criminals are still being found within the general EPW population. In this volatile operating environment, any use of alcohol, even the consumption of a single beverage, is extremely poor judgment. The known effects of alcohol on the body include diminished reflexes and judgment. Your poor judgment in consuming an alcoholic beverage is compounded by the continuous requirement for you, as a senior officer, to be prepared to lead soldiers who may be called upon to respond to crises. The severity of your misconduct is magnified by the fact that it occurred in the presence of a junior enlisted soldier. Finally, while your consumption of an alcoholic beverage while on duty in Iraq is not expressly prohibited by CENTCOM General Order 1A, it both contravenes the spirit of that order, and indicates a lack of appreciation of the expectations of officers. Your mandate is to not merely obey established orders and rules; you are counted on to aspire to a higher standard of personal conduct.
3. Your misconduct is singularly troubling to me in light of the tremendous promise you have demonstrated in the past. As an officer who has extensive operational experience, and a clear appreciation of the challenges involved in EPW operations, you should have set the example. Instead, even if this is a momentary departure from standards, you have engaged in misconduct which has the potential to erode unit standards. Your actions cause me to question your judgment and professionalism.
4. This reprimand is imposed as an administrative measure IAW AR 600-37, and not as punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It is, however, intended to promptly and directly signal my disapproval of your conduct. I have not determined whether I will direct the filing of this reprimand. My disposition options include a decision not to file the reprimand, local filing, as well as filing in the Performance Fiche of your Official Military Personnel Section. I will not make a final determination, however, until I receive and consider any timely response

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you may submit. Within ten days of your receipt of this memorandum, you may provide to me, in writing, any information in rebuttal that you wish me to consider. You will acknowledge receipt of this memorandum, by signing and dating the attached memorandum. Submit the acknowledgement and any rebuttal or extenuating and mitigating matters through COL [REDACTED], Staff Judge Advocate, CFLCC.



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Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

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