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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL VANDENBERG AFB MILITARY PERSONNEL, CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, DEPENDENTS, AND VISITORS

FROM: 30 SW/CC

SUBJECT: Marijuana Policy for Vandenberg AFB

1. Regardless of California state law, marijuana, whether prescribed, purchased, or otherwise obtained, may not be used, possessed, distributed, or manufactured by military personnel at any time. In addition, marijuana may not be used, possessed, distributed, manufactured, or introduced onto Vandenberg AFB, a federal military installation, at any time, by any personnel.
2. While California law may permit possession and use of marijuana for medical and recreational purposes, federal law, specifically the Controlled Substances Act, United States Code, Title 21, Chapter 13, continues to define these activities as illegal. Further, DoD policy prohibits such acts. Therefore, personnel who use, possess, distribute, manufacture, or introduce marijuana on Vandenberg AFB or attempt to do so, will be treated as follows:
 - a. MILITARY PERSONNEL: United States military personnel are subject to punishment under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for the use, possession, distribution, manufacture, or introduction of marijuana, regardless of whether such acts occur on or off duty and whether such acts occur on or off the installation. This applies to all military members, including Active Duty personnel, Reservists, and Air National Guard personnel in Title 10 status. Violation of Article 112a, UCMJ, may result in punishment under Article 15, UCMJ, or trial by court-martial. Violators may also be subject to administrative actions such as involuntary separation.
 - b. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: Executive Order 12564, Drug-Free Federal Workplace, requires federal employees to refrain from the use of illegal drugs, as defined by federal law, both on and off duty. DoD and Air Force regulations (DoDI 1010.09 and AFI 90-508) also require federal employees to refrain from illegal drug use, whether on or off duty. Using illegal drugs is inconsistent with the high standards of performance, discipline, and readiness necessary to accomplish the mission. Federal employees who use marijuana or any illegal drug are subject to disciplinary and adverse actions, including removal from federal civil service.
 - c. SECURITY CLEARANCES: The Adjudicative Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Security Clearances states that the use of an illegal drug can raise questions about an individual's reliability and trustworthiness. The use of marijuana by military personnel, federal employees, or DoD contractors may be grounds for denial or loss of a security clearance.

d. VANDENBERG AFB: As a federal installation, Vandenberg AFB is a federal jurisdiction. Therefore personnel on Vandenberg are subject to federal law. The use, possession, distribution, manufacture, or introduction of marijuana, any other illegal drug, or drug paraphernalia; as well as driving under the influence of marijuana or any other illegal drug, is strictly prohibited. All individuals, including military personnel, civilian employees, contractors, dependents, and visitors, are required to obey federal law while on Vandenberg AFB, including in the family housing area and at all entrance gates. Violators of the law are subject to debarment, fines, and imprisonment.

3. This memorandum serves as notice of Vandenberg AFB's marijuana policy. Violators may be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law. Direct any questions to the 30th Space Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, (805) 605-6200.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Christopher Moss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

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