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MARRIAGE OF NAVAL PERSONNEL TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

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1. **Authority.** Marriages outside the United States (U.S.) to foreign nationals shall be governed by the instructions of the local area commander.

2. **Local Regulations**

a. The senior naval commander in the area concerned will implement the regulations through local policies and procedures. The policies should include

(1) requirements for medical examinations of the member and the prospective spouse;

(2) marriage counseling;

(3) evidence of financial ability to prevent the spouse from becoming a public charge; and

(4) notarized written consent from parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of either party if under the legal age for marriage in the state, territory, or country in which the marriage is to take place.

b. See the area commander's instruction, 1752 series, for required forms and further requirements.

3. **Application.** All members contemplating marriage outside the U.S. to a foreign national will submit an application for permission to the area commander in the area where the alien lives.

4. **Background Investigation.** The most time-consuming element in premarital processing is the background investigation of the prospective spouse. Members are encouraged to contact the local U.S. Embassy or consulate to request a background investigation, including a criminal and subversive record check, be initiated

to determine the eligibility of their prospective spouses' entry into the U.S.

5. **Screening Process.** The screening of prospective spouses is substantially similar to the processing of requests for entry of alien spouses into the U.S. Inadmissibility to the U.S., or inability to complete the background investigation, of a prospective alien spouse does not necessarily require disapproval of a marriage request. Authorization to marry is not given in such cases until both parties to the proposed marriage signify, in writing, they have been counseled and advised the prospective alien spouse may be ineligible for admission to the U.S., but they desire the marriage take place.

6. **Application Approval**

a. Applications should be sent for approval to area commanders, or their designee, as indicated below:

Area Commanders	Countries
COMNAVREGEUR	Europe, Africa (except the Horn of Africa Region), Israel, Iceland
COMNAVAIRLANT	Bermuda, Azores
COMUSNAVSO	Caribbean, Central/South America
COMNAVFORJAPAN	Japan
COMNAVFORKOREA	Korea
COMNAVMARIANAS	Pacific, Philippines, Hong Kong, Macau, China, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Australia, New Zealand, India
CO, NAVSUPPFAC, DIEGO GARCIA	Indian Ocean
COMNAVREGNW	Canada
COMNAVREGSW	Mexico
COMUSNAVCENT	Horn of Africa Region; South Asia; Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Northern Red Sea; Central Asia

b. Contact Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) (N911A) for guidance in determining appropriate area commander for any areas not listed above.