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From: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force  
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Subj: I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SPECIAL LIBERTY PERIODS FOR CALENDAR  
YEAR 2017 AND 2018

Ref: (a) I Marine Expeditionary Force Decision Paper

1. Purpose. This Bulletin is intended to compliment the reference as well as standardize I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) special liberty dates and times through Fiscal Year 2018.

2. Cancellation. I MEFBul 1050 of 26 Aug 16.

3. Background. The Commander is charged with establishing the "Holiday Routine." In mirroring the reference to every extent possible, the days of liberty are aligned to support higher headquarters priorities and objectives as well as resource the Commanding General (CG), Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

4. Action. I MEF will observe the following special liberty hours for the prescribed holiday(s):

a. Major Subordinate Commanders and Elements (MSC/E) (including I MEF Information Group, Marine Expeditionary Units and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Forces), are authorized to adjust their special liberty periods as necessary to support operational commitments. Further, MSC/E Commanders may request to the CG, I MEF to extend a I MEF directed "72" to a "96" special liberty period.

b. Commanders may authorize civilian employees to voluntarily take liberal leave during periods when special liberty is authorized for military personnel in conjunction with a federal holiday during a special leave period. Employees who elect to take liberal leave are charged annual leave from their leave accounts. Liberal leave is voluntary. Civilian employees who do not elect to take annual leave during an authorized period of liberal leave must report to work for duty. Further, in absence of statute and as derived from several different documents (i.e., 64 Com Gen. 835, 64 Comp Gen. 171 (1984), 63 Com Gen. 542, 544 (1984) and 54 Comp Gen. 706, 708 (1975)) over the years, it has been common practice for Commands to authorize a 59 minute early departure.

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c. Observation Period(s)

HOLIDAY	LIBERTY DATES/TIMES	ACTUAL (TYPE / DATE / DAY)
<b>2017 (Cont'd)</b>		
Columbus Day	6 Oct (1630) - 10 Oct (0730)	72 / 9 Oct / Mon
Veterans Day	8 Nov (1630) - 13 Nov (0730)	96 / 10 Nov / Fri
Thanksgiving Day	22 Nov (1630) - 27 Nov (0730)	96 / 23 Nov / Thu
Christmas Day	22 Dec (1630) - 27 Dec (0730)	96 / 25 Dec / Mon
<b>2018</b>		
New Year's Day	29 Dec (1630) - 3 Jan (0730)	96 / 1 Jan / Mon
Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	12 Jan (1630) - 16 Jan (0730)	72 / 15 Jan / Mon
Washington's Birthday	16 Feb (1630) - 20 Feb (0730)	72 / 19 Feb / Mon
Memorial Day	25 May (1630) - 30 May (0730)	96 / 28 May / Mon
Independence Day	2 Jul (1630) - 6 Jul (0730)	72 / 4 Jul / Wed
Labor Day	31 Aug (1630) - 5 Sep (0730)	96 / 3 Sep / Mon

d. Emphasize the importance of using common sense and the responsible use of alcohol during the holiday period. Situational awareness must be highlighted during safety lectures. Holiday Accident Reduction Program forms must be properly vetted and approved. If a Marine/Sailor is going out of bounds, the appropriate request should be submitted via Marine Online and approved prior to execution.

e. All personnel should be aware that operational requirements may surface, which will supersede the authorized liberty.

f. All non-policy inquiries regarding this Bulletin should be directed to the MEF G-1 Adjutant at 760-725-9249.

5. Reserve Applicability. This Bulletin is applicable to the I MEF Total Force.

6. Cancellation Contingency. This Bulletin is cancelled upon receipt of next Bulletin same series.

  
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