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MARRIAGE OF NAVAL PERSONNEL TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

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1. **Authority.** Marriages outside the U.S. to foreign nationals must 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 may 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 appropriate area commander's instruction (1752 series) for required forms and further requirements.

3. **Application.** All members contemplating marriage outside the United States to a foreign national will submit an application for permission to the area commander in the area where the foreign national 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 United States Embassy or consulate to request a background investigation (including a criminal and subversive record check) be initiated to determine the eligibility of their prospective spouse's entry into the United States.

5. **Screening Process.** The screening of prospective spouses is substantially similar to the processing of requests for entry of foreign national spouses into the United States. Inadmissibility to the United States or inability to complete the background investigation of a prospective foreign national 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 that the prospective foreign national spouse may be ineligible for admission into the United States, 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
COMNAVREGEURAFSWA	Europe ¹ , Africa (except the Horn of Africa Region and Egypt), Israel, Iceland
COMNAVAIRLANT	Bermuda, Azores
COMUSNAVSO	Caribbean, Central/South America
COMNAVFORJAPAN	Japan
COMNAVFORKOREA	Korea
COMNAVMARIANAS	Oceania ² , South East Asia ³ , South Asia, ⁴ Philippines, China, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Australia, New Zealand, India
CO, NAVSUPPFAC, DIEGO GARCIA	Indian Ocean
COMNAVREGNW	Canada
COMNAVREGSW	Mexico
COMUSNAVCENT	Horn of Africa Region ⁵ ; South Asia ⁶ ; Arabian Peninsula ⁷ , Iraq, and Northern Red Sea ⁸ ; Central Asia ⁹

Note:

¹Europe includes: Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia.

²Oceania includes: Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tuvalu, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Palau, and Kiribati.

³South East Asia includes: Burma, Laos, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste.

⁴South Asia includes: Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.

⁵Horn of Africa denotes the region containing the countries of: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia.

⁶South Asia includes: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

⁷The Arabian Peninsula includes: Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait.

⁸Northern Red Sea denotes: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

⁹Central Asia includes: Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan.

b. Contact Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), Navy Family Support Program (N911) for guidance in determining appropriate area commander for any areas not listed above.