



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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FORT BLISS TEXAS 79916

Reply to
Attention of

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Signature Authority for Emergency or Family Travel to Restricted Areas in Mexico

1. References: AR 600-8-10, Leaves and Passes, 15 Feb 06; Fort Bliss Policy 09-001, Travel to Mexico, 1 December 2009; and HQ USNORTHCOM Force Protection Directive 11-118 (Mexico Travel Restrictions), 28 April 2011.

2. Travel by Service members assigned to Fort Bliss to the Mexican states of Michoacan, Tamaulipas, Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Durango, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Zacatecas, and Jalisco is off-limits until further notice. Official travel to these states is limited to mission essential travel only. Families and DA Civilians traveling for non-official purposes are urged to abide by all travel prohibitions and advisories. Land travel by POV is prohibited.

3. Brigade Commanders will comply with installation policies regarding emergency travel to these areas on a case-by-case basis for family and emergency situations, or due to critical mission requirements. This authority will not be delegated. Brigade Commanders will ensure that the following requirements are met before travel to Mexico is approved:

- a) Risk assessment
- b) Level One AT/FP within 90 days of travel
- c) G2/S2 threat briefing within 30 days of travel

4. At Fort Bliss, the 11th ADA Brigade Commander may approve travel to and through these areas on a case-by-case basis for family and emergency situations, or due to critical mission requirements. As stated previously, this authority will not be delegated. In accordance with published restrictions, the following individuals are authorized to sign (approving or disapproving) the DA Form 31 for travel to these areas in Mexico for HHB, 32d AAMDC Soldiers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
COL Donald G. Fryc	Deputy Commander
COL Daniel P. Sauter III	Chief of Staff

5. I retain the authority to cancel or withdraw delegated authority at any time. The delegated authority is automatically canceled upon the retirement, change of duties, or change of position of the individual who has delegated authority.

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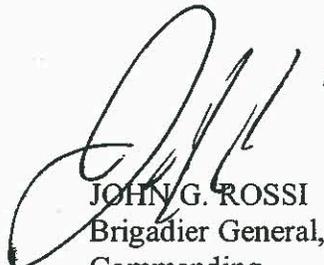
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6. Soldiers authorized leave to Mexico must physically sign out and in at the 32d AAMDC Operations Center at Building 111, (915) 568-9402. The Soldier must meet all security measures as outlined in the Fort Bliss Travel Policy for Mexico 09-001. A copy of the approved DA 31 must be with the Soldier while on pass/leave.

7. All travelers to Mexico are strongly advised to enroll in the free Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). This free service, located at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>, is provided by the U.S. government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. This program allows travelers to enter information about their trip so that the Department of State can better assist in case of an emergency. Travelers will also be able to receive travel advisories, warnings, and other information from the embassy or consulates.

8. The point of contact is the 32d AAMDC Chief of Staff, COL Daniel Sauter III, (915) 569-6208,

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