

MSTSPACINST 5800.1B
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Enclosure (1)

MILITARY SEA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, PACIFIC AREA

PROHIBITION OF GAMBLING

1. Order. Gambling or the possession of "Hi-Q" dominoes, roulette wheels, dice boards, dice cloths with betting odds, lottery tickets, slot machines, poker chips marked with monetary denominations, marked cards, tops and bottoms dice, ~~SHAPED DICE, LOADED DICE AND ANY FRAUDULENT GAMBLING EQUIPMENT ARE PROHIBITED ABOARD THIS SHIP.~~

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2. Authority. This order is promulgated under the authority contained in Article 1201.2, U.S. Navy Regulations.

3. Applicability. This order applies to all persons, military or civilian, assigned to or being transported in this ship.

4. Definition. Gambling is any game of chance played for stakes. The term "gambling" as used herein shall not be construed as prohibiting such games as cribbage, canasta, bridge and pinochle, providing wagers or bets are not made in connection therewith, or such games as bingo or raffles for free prizes and providing cash is not collected and distributed in connection therewith. Poker and craps are considered gambling games since they normally are played for stakes.

5. Disciplinary Action:

a. Assigned Naval Personnel. Appropriate disciplinary action for violation of this order by members of the U.S. Navy assigned on board shall be taken in accordance with the Manual for Courts Martial, United States, 1951.

b. Military Passengers. Appropriate disciplinary action for violation of this order by military passengers shall be taken by officers in command of personnel concerned, in accordance with the Manual for Courts Martial, United States, 1951.

c. Civilian Passengers. Violation of this order by a civilian passenger may subject such person to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violations shall be the subject of an official report made, via the MSTS command at the port of debarkation, to the Service or Government agency sponsoring the passage of such civilian.

d. Civilian Marine Employees (USNS ships). Disciplinary action for violation of this order by civilian marine personnel shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of CMPI 45.

6. Funds Seized in Gambling Raids.

a. When the ownership of funds seized in a gambling raid is definitely established, such funds shall be returned to the individual claiming and proving ownership. A signed receipt for funds returned shall be obtained.

b. When the ownership cannot be definitely established, such funds shall be taken up by the Disbursing Officer or Purser and credited to 170969, "Unclaimed funds and abandoned property, not otherwise classified," in accordance with NAVCOMPT Manual, paragraph 022302-4c. When funds are seized, the amount will be verified in the presence of witnesses and a receipt for same shall be furnished the officer making the deposit."

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