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**Presidio access procedures changing,  
no left turn from Bowen Street**

**PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif.** – Presidio of Monterey Garrison Commander Col. Paul Fellingner sent a letter to Presidio neighbors Dec. 31 advising them of a traffic-pattern change the City of Monterey is making as a result of access changes to the installation.

Access changes are a result of a Secretary of the Army directive.

In the letter, Fellingner wrote that Presidio officials and City of Monterey traffic engineers continue to work together to minimize congestion and delays during commute times. One measure to improve traffic flow and safety is to eliminate left turns from Bowen Street at the intersection with Franklin Street. The City of Monterey will be installing a “NO LEFT TURN” sign effective January 5, 2015.

Also, Presidio officials remind community members to allow more time when accessing the Presidio of Monterey, either as an employee or as a visitor.

Staff and faculty will experience additional processing as they pass through the gates. This could cause traffic to back up, therefore, commuters are encouraged to add additional time to their morning travel. It is expected advanced planning should help mitigate the issue.

Additionally, all unescorted, non-Department of Defense ID card holding visitors, contractors, sub-contractors, vendors, suppliers and service providers must successfully pass a criminal background check before they are issued a visitor’s pass.

Escorted visitors with valid photo ID (state driver license, passport) traveling in the same vehicle as a DOD ID card holder are not required to obtain a pass.

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