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POLICY MEMORANDUM #20

SUBJECT: Privately Owned Weapon (POW) Purchase, Registration, Transportation, and Storage Requirements

1. References:

- a. Public Law 111-491, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2011, 21 May 2010.
- b. CFR 32, Title 32, Chapter V, Part 552, Subpart G Firearms and Weapons, 1 July 2011.
- c. Public Law 112-239, NDAA for Fiscal Year 2013, 02 January 2013
- d. AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 17 January 2019
- e. Fort Bliss Regulation 27-5, Prohibited Conduct, 26 April 2019

2. Purpose. This policy provides the requirements for weapons being purchased, registered, transported, and/or stored on Fort Bliss.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all 1st Armored Division units and personnel, tenant units, and personnel living/working and/or visiting on Fort Bliss (FB) and/or its adjoining properties (i.e., Biggs Army Airfield (BAAF), William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC), East Fort Bliss, Dona Ana Range Complex (DARC), McGregor Range, and Oro Grande Range).

4. Policy.

a. Purchase of Privately Owned Weapons (POW) at Fort Bliss Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). Service Members and Family members purchasing firearm/s at the Fort Bliss Exchange will download a video link or use the Quick Response (QR) code listed in the informational packet provided by the Fort Bliss Exchange Sales Representative. The video details the Fort Bliss weapons registration process, on base transportation requirements, storage requirements, and legal penalties for failure to follow these requirements. Customers will be provided the Exchange Firearm Purchase Checklist (Encl 2) at the time of purchase, which further details purchasing requirements.

b. Registration of POWs

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(1) Personnel who live on Fort Bliss and maintain a POW on the installation will register the firearm(s) at the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Visitor Control Center (VCC) within 24 hours of bringing the firearm on the installation. Personnel visiting the installation and staying in lodging on post, will also register the firearms within 24 hours of arrival on the installation.

(2) FBTX 0023-R2-E (PM), Fort Bliss Firearm Registration Form (Encl 1) will be used to register POWs on FB/BAAF. These forms are available at the FB/BAAF VCCs, the Provost Marshal's Office, and the Fort Bliss webpage. Online registration can be completed at <https://home.army.mil/bliss/index.php/about/Garrison/DES/weapons-registration>.

(3) Full identification of the firearm described in Encl 1 includes the description, caliber, make, model, and serial number. A locally engraved serial number is not required; however, it is highly recommended for firearms without serial numbers.

(4) A copy of the Army Law Enforcement Reporting and Tracking System (ALERTS) registration will be given to the registrant and a copy will be kept on file at the VCC. A copy of the registration must be always kept with the firearm while it is on the installation.

(5) The Department of Defense (DoD) Sponsor, or family member, over the age of 18, who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm, is authorized to register the firearm.

(6) Soldiers and Family Members requesting registration are required to have the Soldiers unit commander complete and sign the unit commander's portion of this form. Officers in pay grade O-3 and above, Warrant Officers CW3 and above, enlisted personnel in pay grade E-8 and above, retired military personnel, and civilian personnel do not require commander's approval and may self-approve the registration form. Authorized dependents will require the approval of the Soldiers commander.

(7) All firearms brought onto the cantonment area (the area that is accessed by entering the installation through a manned/controlled gate) must be registered. Military Police (MP) will process all violators who attempt access onto the installation with an unregistered weapon, by either escorting them to a VCC to get the weapon registered or process the violator with appropriate action.

(8) All Individuals wishing to participate in hunting activities are required to register through "iSportsman" at <https://ftbliss.isportsman.net/default.aspx>.

(9) VCC personnel will:

(a) Provide all the necessary forms to individuals desiring to register firearms

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(b) Ensure personnel are at least 18 years of age when registering weapons

(c) Review Encl 1 and written approval documentation from the Commander for Soldiers/Family Members. Documentation must include that the individuals have received firearm safety training and are knowledgeable of Federal, State and local laws or ordinances concerning the possession, use and storage of firearms/ammunition.

(d) Verify the Commander's signature against the copy of the Assumption of Command orders.

(e) Vet all personnel prior to registering firearms. Vetting will be accomplished by having the individual's information run through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). If no derogatory information is revealed, proceed with the registration.

(f) If the information obtained thru the NCIC check reveals derogatory information, as defined in AR 190-13, Para 4-5(c)(4), the firearm will not be registered. The registration form will be turned over to the registrant's commander via distribution.

(g) For personnel who successfully complete an NCIC check; process the registration information in the ALERTS weapons registration module.

(h) Upon verifying proof of identity, provide the individual who is registering the firearm a copy of the completed ALERTS registration form and retain a copy of the ALERTS registration form.

c. Transportation of POWs

(1) Individuals may only possess and carry properly registered weapons on Fort Bliss for the use at the Rod and Gun Club, hunting in designated areas, to and from proper storage locations as defined in paragraph 3-4 of FB Regulation 27-5, for proper purchase or sale of the weapon, or for performance of official law enforcement duty.

(2) Command ordered relocation of a personal firearm that is not registered to the unit arms room, will be coordinated through the Fort Bliss Military Police Desk at 915-744-1236/1237. Once the weapon is relocated to the unit arms room the weapon must be registered within 24 hours.

(3) At no time will a weapon be carried in a concealed manner while on Fort Bliss.

(4) The following weapons are not allowed on the installation and will be permanently confiscated by appropriate military authorities:

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(a) Fully automatic weapons

(b) Rifles with a barrel length less than 16 inches shotguns with barrel length less than 18 inches, and/or an overall length less than 26 inches

(c) Silencer/suppressors for any weapon

(d) Explosives

(e) Brass knuckles, illegal knives as defined by FB Regulation 27-5, blackjacks, slappers, saps, billy clubs, nightsticks, riot batons, homemade clubs, garrotes, sap gloves, maces, tomahawks, and/or other related items

(f) Electric stun guns, tasers, cattle prods, and other similar devices capable of emitting an electrical charge

(g) Blowguns and other devices capable of discharging darts or needles

(h) Armor piercing ammunition

(i) Any firearm that has the manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, or altered

d. Storage of POWs

(1) Proper storage procedures and locations for POW are defined in paragraph 3-4 of reference 1.c.

(2) All firearms/ammunition stored on FB/BAAF will be secured IAW reference 1.b.

(3) Storage in a privately owned vehicle (POV) is strictly prohibited. The weapon must be unloaded and secured in a locked container designed to secure firearms in the trunk of the vehicle during transport. Ammunition will be stored separately, in an approved storage container.

(4) Privately Owned Weapons Off-Post. Subject to the below exceptions, commanders cannot order Soldiers to report the presence of weapons in their off-post residence or collect any information regarding the lawful ownership of a privately owned firearm kept off-post. Additionally, commanders may not order Soldiers who reside off-post to store their personally owned weapon in the unit arms room.

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(a) Exceptions to Off-Post Inquiries. If a commander or health professional has reasonable grounds to believe (based upon direct observation, credible reports from friends, family, or another source, etc.) that a Soldier is a danger to himself/herself or others, the commander or health professional may ask the Soldier if they have firearms at their off-post residence. See Section 1062, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2011 as modified by Section 1057, NDAA for Fiscal Year 2013.

(b) Command Options. If a commander believes a Soldier is a threat to themselves or others, the commander may ask a Soldier to voluntarily store their firearms and ammunition in the unit arms room for temporary safekeeping. If a Soldier is unwilling to voluntarily surrender their POW, they cannot be ordered to do so. Under these circumstances, a commander may order the Soldier to reside on-post and restrict the Soldier to post. Prior to imposing such conditions on liberty, consult your legal advisor.

5. The proponent for this policy letter is the Director of Emergency Services at (915) 744-9143.

Encls

1. FBTX 0023-R2-E (PM), Fort Bliss Firearm Registration Form
2. Exchange Firearm Purchase Checklist

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Enclosure 1 (FBTX 0023-R2-E (PM) Fort Bliss Firearm Registration Form) to Policy Memorandum #20 - Privately Owned Weapon (POW) Purchase, Registration, Transportation, and Storage Requirements

FORT BLISS FIREARMS REGISTRATION					
(For use of this form see Fort Bliss Regulation 27-5. The proponent of this form is DES.)					
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARMY REGULATION 190-11, PERSONNEL ARE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING CONCEALED PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS ON ANY FEDERAL INSTALLATION.					
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT					
AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 3013; 44 U.S.C., 31001; Army Regulation 190-11, Physical; Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives; E.O. 9397. PRINCIPLE PURPOSE(s): To record personal information on an individual who registers and stores his or her privately owned weapon. ROUTINE USES: To use as proof of registration and to maintain a record documenting an authorized storage location for firearms and other privately owned weapons. Routine use could include disclosure to other investigative authorities. SSN used for identification and retrieving data from files. DISCLOSURE: Disclosure is voluntary; however, failure to disclose the information, to include SSN, will result in individual not being allowed to register or store firearms and other privately owned weapons on Fort Bliss. Attempts to keep firearms on Fort Bliss that are not properly registered and stored could result in confiscation, disciplinary action, or both.					
Purpose:(choose one) iSportsman Validation (Hunting or Recreation) General Firearms Registration					
PERSONAL INFORMATION					
1. NAME (Printed Name) (Last, First, MI)				2. DATE OF BIRTH	
3. SSN (Enter Full SSN)		4. RANK/CIV	5. STATE & DRIVERS LICENSE #		6. WEAPON STORAGE LOCATION
7. E-MAIL ADDRESS:			8. UNIT/ADDRESS		
9. FIREARMS INFORMATION					
SERIAL #	TYPE	MAKE	MODEL	CALIBER	FINISH
Do You Have Weapons Not Listed On This Form That Were Previously Registered With The Army?		If Yes, What Installation?		Do You Intend To Have All Previous Registered Weapons, Registered at Fort Bliss?	
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
OWNER/SPONSOR: I certify by signing block 13 and block 24 on page two that I have received appropriate safety training on the use and storage of the firearm and I am knowledgeable of federal, state, local laws, or ordinances concerning the possession, use, and transportation of the firearm. (must submit pages one and two; see instructions on page three).					
10. HOME ADDRESS (Street #, City, State, Zip Code)					
11. PHONE (Area Code & Number)		12. ALTERNATE PHONE		13. SIGNATURE OF OWNER/SPONSOR	
14. UNIT COMMANDER'S ACTION					
15. COMMANDER'S NAME (Last, First, MI)		16. RANK		17. PHONE (Area Code & Number)	
I certify by signing block 18, the registrant has received appropriate safety training on the use and storage of the firearm and is knowledgeable of federal, state, local laws, or ordinances concerning the possession, use, and transportation of the firearm.				18. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING COMMANDER	
19. WEAPONS REGISTRATION CLERKS USE ONLY					
OFFICIAL USE ONLY 1. PMO STAMP 2. DATE STAMP		20. REGISTRATION CLERK (Last, First, MI)		21. REGISTRATION CLERK SIGNATURE	

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FORT BLISS WEAPONS REGISTRATION AGREEMENT
(For use of this form see Fort Bliss Regulation 27-5. The proponent of this form is DES.)

The carrying of a concealed weapon on the installation is prohibited regardless of whether a state or county permit has been obtained. Per AR 190-11, a concealed weapon is any instrument used or designed for the purpose of inflicting grievous bodily harm that is carried on the person in such a way as to be hidden from ordinary view. Folded knives with blades shorter than 3 inches are excluded from this definition.

I understand that in accordance with AR 190-11 to verify individuals are not prohibited from owning a firearm, all individuals who want to register a firearm will have a criminal history conducted to determine eligibility. I understand that if I have been convicted of one of the following that I will not be able to bring or register my weapon on Fort Bliss.

EXCERPT from AR 190-11, para 4-5.c.:

(4) The registration of privately owned firearms by person(s) described below is prohibited:

(a) Any person convicted of a felony (Gun Control Act of 1968 (Title 18, United States Code, Section 921 et seq. (18 USC 921 et seq.), as amended in 1996 (18 USC 922).

(b) Any person convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence or a felony (the Lautenberg Amendment to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, as amended in 1996).

The Amendment:

1. Makes it a felony for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of firearms or ammunition to any person he or she knows or has reasonable cause to believe has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

2. Prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from shipping or transporting in interstate or foreign commerce, or possessing in or affecting commerce, any firearm or ammunition; or receiving any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

(c) Any person who is a fugitive from justice.

(d) Any person who has been convicted in any court of the possession, use, or sale of marijuana, dangerous or narcotic drugs (the term convicted includes nonjudicial punishment under Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Article 15).

(e) Any person who is presently declared as mentally incompetent or who is presently committed to any mental institution.

(f) Any civilian or Family member under the age of 18 is prohibited from the use of firearms, unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian over the age of 18.

Storage of privately owned firearms and ammunition

(1) Firearms belonging to Soldiers living in unit billets (barracks) must be secured in the unit arms room in approved locked containers separate from military AA&E.

(2) Firearms belonging to personnel residing in leased housing will be secured in either a locked container or provided with a trigger lock. Ammunition for the firearm will be secured separately from the firearm in a locked container.

Transportation of privately owned firearms and ammunition on Army installations:

(1) Privately owned firearms will be transported in vehicles only while traveling in a direct route to and from hunting areas, dog training areas, target ranges, or other location authorized by the installation senior commander. No stops are authorized.

(2) The carrying of a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited.

(3) Privately owned firearms carried in a vehicle will be secured in the trunk. For vehicles without a trunk, firearms will be encased in a container other than the glove compartment and carried in such a manner that they will not be readily available to the driver or passengers. Commercially available trigger locks and other security devices are strongly recommended to deter and prevent loss and theft.

(4) If requested by installation law enforcement personnel, individuals will present the registration document when the firearm is out of an approved storage location and being transported on the installation.

I have read the above statement and realize that by signing below that I am willing to submit to a criminal history check on myself to determine my eligibility. I also understand that failure to do so will result in me not being able to register my weapon on the installation.

22. NAME (Printed Name) (Last, First, MI)

23. SIGNATURE OF OWNER/SPONSOR

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FORT BLISS FIREARMS REGISTRATION

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FB FORM 0023-R2-E (PM)

1. All firearms brought onto the installation will be registered within 24 hours with the DES, Visitor Control Center (VCC) IAW AR 190-11 and FB Reg 27-5 (Note: Firearms will not be transported inside the registration building).
2. Soldiers are required to have their unit commander complete and sign the unit commander's portion of this form. Officers in pay grade O-3 and above, Warrant Officers CW3 and above, enlisted personnel in pay grade E-8 and above, retired military personnel, and civilian personnel do not require commander's approval and may self approve this form by signing block 13, of page one. Authorized dependents will require sponsor's signature and commander's approval.
3. Registration may be completed by:
 - a. Manual - Complete form and hand carry to the Visitor Control Center (VCC) located at:
5400 Buffalo Soldier Rd (915) 568-3215, 24/7 or
2616 Chaffee Rd (915) 568-6853, Mon-Fri during the hours of 0500-2100
 - b. Automated - digitally sign and send an encrypted e-mail with the completed form to:
usarmy.bliss.imcom-central.mbx.weapons-registration@mail.mil. Once completed, owner will receive registration via return e-mail.
4. Registration is not complete until the information is entered into the Army Law Enforcement Reporting & Tracking System (ALERTS).
5. If purpose of form is iSportsman Validation, do not submit to VCC until registrant has first registered an account through the Fort Bliss iSportsman website under the same first and last name as shown on this form. Leave block 9 blank if registrant is only requesting a validation for a Fort Bliss Recreation Access Permit.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY-BLOCK ON FORM

1. NAME OF FIREARM OWNER.
2. DATE OF BIRTH.
3. SSN (ENTER FULL SSN).
4. RANK/CIVILIAN.
5. STATE AND DRIVERS LICENSE.
6. LOCATION OF WEAPON (ON POST OR OFF POST).
7. EMAIL ADDRESS.
8. UNIT/ADDRESS.
9. FIREARMS INFORMATION SECTION (LIST OF FIREARMS TO BE REGISTERED).
10. HOME ADDRESS.
11. PHONE NUMBER.
12. ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER.
13. DIGITAL SIGNATURE OR MANUAL SIGNATURE OF FIREARM OWNER/SPONSOR.
14. COMMANDER'S ACTION SECTION (IF APPLICABLE).
15. COMMANDER'S NAME (IF APPLICABLE).
16. COMMANDER'S RANK (IF APPLICABLE).
17. COMMANDER'S PHONE NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE).
18. DIGITAL SIGNATURE OR MANUAL SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER (IF APPLICABLE).
19. WEAPONS REGISTRATION CLERK USE ONLY SECTION.
20. REGISTRATION CLERK'S NAME.
21. REGISTRATION CLERK'S SIGNATURE.
22. NAME OF FIREARM OWNER.
23. DIGITAL SIGNATURE OR MANUAL SIGNATURE OF FIREARM OWNER/SPONSOR.

FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS IN FILLING OUT THIS FORM CALL (915) 568-3215.

Enclosure 2 (Exchange Firearm Purchase Checklist) to Policy Memorandum #20 -
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Exchange Firearm Purchase Checklist

Complete this form prior to transferring firearm to customer
and file with ATF form 4473 and Background Check

Checklist Items	Initials	
	Customer	Associate
Have you purchased a firearm from the Exchange in the last 5 business days? If so, when? Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____		
Locking device has been explained and demonstrated.		
Locking Device (Trigger lock, cable lock or incorporated locking mechanism w/separate key) has been provided with firearm. By initialing this form, one has been provided with firearm. No firearm will be sold without a locking device.		
A copy of the ATF Youth Handgun Safety Act Notice 5300.2 has been provided.		
A copy of "A Guide to Purchasing Firearms and Firearms Safety" brochure has been provided and key points reviewed.		
A copy of local Firearms Safety and Hunter Education course has been provided.		
Applicable state and locality regulations and ordinances have been reviewed.		
Per Installation Policy Memorandum #20, 28 April 2022, Service Members and Family Members purchasing firearms at the Fort Bliss Exchange will download a video link or use the QR code provided, to view a short video regarding Fort Bliss' registration policy, transportation/storage requirement, and legal penalties for failure to follow any of these policies.		
For instances where customers are to return any damaged or defective firearms to the manufacturer for warranty repair or claims, all costs will be accrued by the customer.		
All firearms and ammunition sales are final. No refund or exchanges.		

Customer Name (Print)	Customer Signature	Date
Associate Name (Print)	Associate Signature	Date
Manager/Supervisor Name (Print)	Manager/Supervisor Signature	Date

Thank you for your purchase.

Safety Tip- Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded.

Effective May 5, 2022. All other editions obsolete.