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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Detrick Policy Memorandum 20 – Deer Hunting Program

1. References:

- a. AR 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives).
- b. FDR 190-13 (Installation Access Control).
- c. Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping 2025-2026).

2. Purpose: Establish a policy for deer hunting with a bow on Fort Detrick Area A and Area B.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all personnel on Fort Detrick that have an active access card and the appropriate Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hunting license, deer tags/stamps, and permits. Only bow hunting is authorized.

- a. Area A (Managed Hunting Area): Hunting is only open to Fort Detrick Garrison employees (enclosure 1).
- b. Area B: Hunting is open to DoD Service Members, DoD Civilians, Dependents of Service Members, and DoD Retirees (enclosure 2).

4. Hunting Program Areas of Responsibilities.

a. The Fort Detrick Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Office is the Program Manager for deer hunting coordination.

(1) The DPW Environmental Office will provide a spreadsheet of approved hunters with all details of hunting permits and vehicle information to the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) with a copy to the Garrison Command Group. (enclosure 6).

(2) DPW will install and inspect all hunting positions and stands.

(3) DPW will deploy and retrieve the hunting barriers and signs for Area A each weekend.

(4) DPW will provide an end of season report to the USAG Command Team capturing hunting metrics to inform policy changes or follow-on year requirements.

b. DES.

(1) Each Thursday during the hunting season, DES will verify that it has received approved hunter information, including permit and vehicle details from the DPW Environmental Office.

(2) DES will provide the on-duty Department of the Army Security Guards the list of hunters with approved access to each hunting area.

(3) Each week the Fort Detrick Police Department will conduct periodic unannounced checks of hunting activities.

5. Hunting Permit Procedure.

a. The Hunting Permit is only valid for the dates listed at the top of the permit.

b. All Hunters are required to fill out the following forms once for submission to the Hunting Program Manager for approval by the Garrison Commander (GC) before they may register to hunt on a specific date:

(1) Complete Fort Detrick Hunting Permit for approval by the GC (enclosure 3).

(2) Sign the “Hold Harmless Clause” form (enclosure 4).

(3) Review and complete/sign Section 13 of the “Deliberate Risk Assessment” worksheet (enclosure 5).

c. Hunters are required to register their bow weapons with the Fort Detrick Police prior to entering post in accordance with reference 1a., above.

6. Installation Access:

a. Hunters must meet all requirements in reference 1b., and in this policy to obtain unescorted access to Area A and/or Area B.

b. If access is required, hunters will report to the Visitor Control Center (VCC) at Nallin Farm Gate to obtain installation access to Area A and/or Area B.

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c. Upon the completion of the hunting weekend, hunters must return their Area B access badge to the VCC.

7. Hunting Allocation of Sites.

a. Each week of the season the hunter will submit a consideration for a hunting permit request by 1500 hours on Tuesdays. Include the make, model, year, color, and license plate number of the vehicle the hunter plans while hunting.

b. Hunting in Area A is restricted to the deer stands located in positions 6, 7, 8, & 9 on the Area A map (enclosure 1).

c. Hunting in Area B is restricted to the deer stands located in positions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the Area B map (enclosure 2).

d. If more hunters request sites than there are available, then hunters will be selected by a lottery process.

8. Hunting Procedures:

a. All hunting will be done in accordance with the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping and Maryland laws and regulations.
(<https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/hunting-regulations>).

b. Hunters are required to harvest one doe before harvesting any bucks on the installation.

c. All deer harvested must be reported to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Hunting Program Manager at the DPW Environmental Office.

d. It is the responsibility of the hunter to ensure that non-hunting personnel, especially children, have not entered the hunting area. If non-hunting personnel enter the area all hunting will cease until they have vacated the area.

e. Hunting is only authorized on Saturday and Sunday during Maryland DNR bow hunting season.

f. Hunters must call into the Fort Detrick Police Desk at 301-619-7114 on the day of the hunt to check in.

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g. Hunters must ensure that traffic control devices are in place on Area A or that the “hunt in progress” flag is raised on Area B.

h. The last hunter in Area B, after being informed by the Police Desk, will lower the “hunt in progress” flag.

i. At the end of the day all hunters must call into the Police Desk to sign out.

9. Any personnel/hunter who violates this policy will have their hunting permit revoked and may be subject to civilian misconduct or Uniform Code of Military Justice action.

10. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Joe Gortva, Environmental Division Chief, at 301-619-0044, or joseph.j.gortva.civ@army.mil.

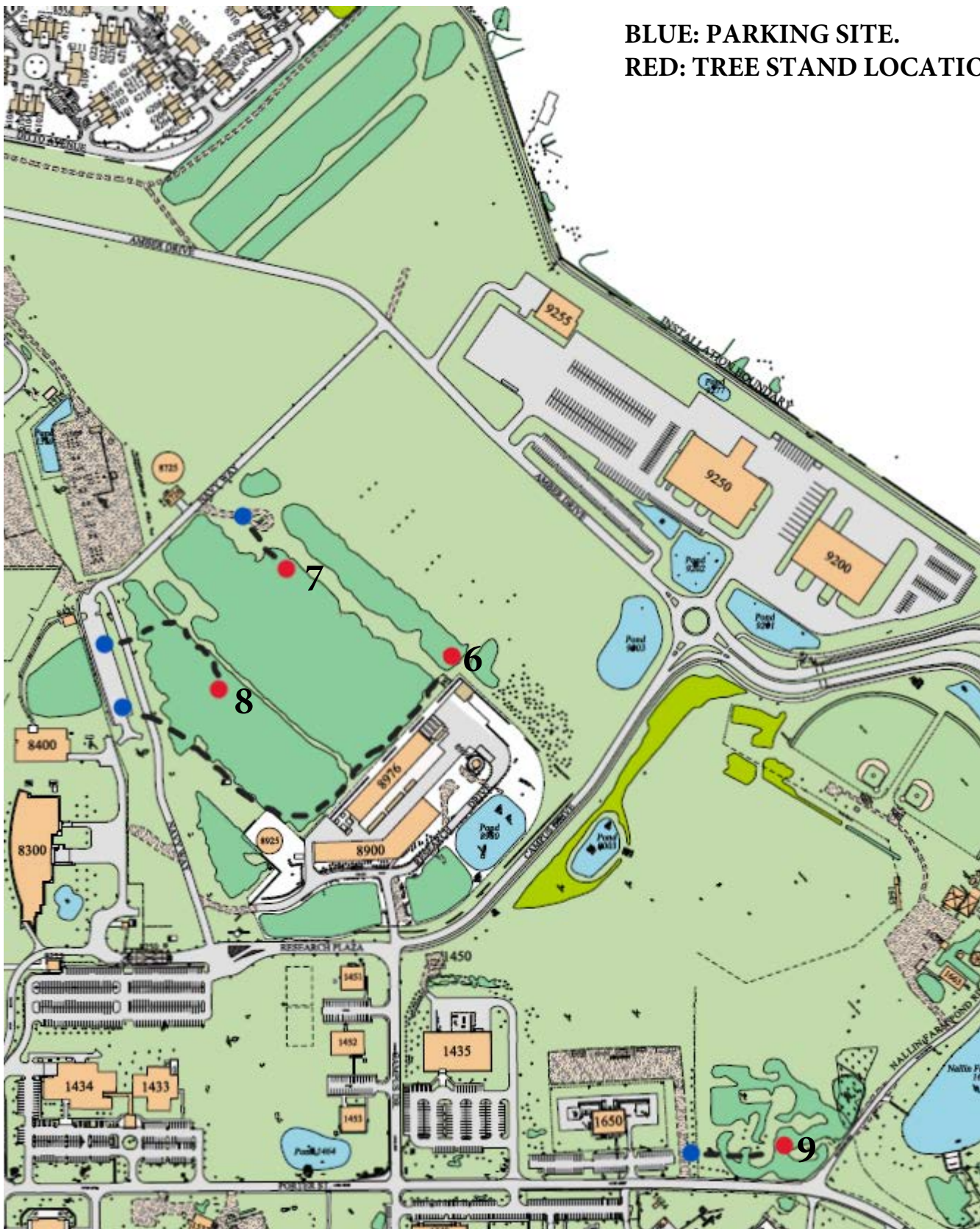
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1. Area A Map
2. Area B Map
3. Fort Detrick Hunting Permit
4. Hold Harmless Clause
5. Deliberate Risk Assessment
6. Weekend Hunting Roster

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Hunting Site Maps

Area B

Area B Site Map for deer hunt - (1 – 5); hunting outside of the designated areas is **prohibited**.



Hunters assigned sites 1, 2, 3, 4 must turn left as they enter Area B and hunters assigned sites 5 must turn right to access site.

Enclosure 3

Fort Detrick Hunting Application Fall/Winter 2025/2026 Hunting Season

Return to:

Fort Detrick DPW Environmental Division

9255 Amber Drive

301-619-0044

MD DNRid	Name (Last, First, MI)		Gender
Home Address	City	State	Zip
Certificate of Competency (Hunter Safety ID#)	Daytime Phone Number	Cell phone Number	
Indicate what hunting equipment will be used and confirm requirements. Circle confirmation and leave non applicable questions blank.			Confirm
Vertical bow will be used.			Y / N
The vertical bow has a full draw and <u>pull of 30 pounds or more</u>			Y / N
Crossbow will be used.			Y / N
The crossbow has a <u>draw of 75 pounds</u> or more			Y / N
The crossbow has a <u>working safety</u>			Y / N
Arrows or bolts used for deer hunting must have a <u>sharpened broadhead</u> with metal points and a <u>minimum width of 7/8 of an inch.</u>			Y / N
Certification: I hereby certify that I have completed a Hunter Safety Course and have obtained a valid Maryland Department of Natural Resources Hunting License and appropriate tags/stamps. I also certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with Ft. Detrick Deer Management Hunt Rules. I understand that if I do not abide by the rules and regulations, my hunting privileges will be revoked.			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	

Approved:

Joseph Gortva
Chief, Environmental Division
USAG DPW

Attach copy of Hunting License, Archery and Muzzleloader tags/stamps to this page.

Enclosure 4

Covenant Not to Hold Harmless and Indemnity Clause

Ft. Detrick Deer Bow Hunting –Area A (2025/2026)

I, _____ am about to voluntarily participate in the Fort Detrick, Area A, Managed Hunting Area, as a hunter. In consideration of my participation in this activity, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, and assignees, make the following agreement. I agree that I will forever hold harmless the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army and Fort Detrick for any loss, damage, or injury to my person or property that may occur as a result of taking a voluntary part in the deer hunt. I understand and agree that I am assuming the risk of any personal injury or damage to personal property that may result while participating in the deer hunt. I also understand and agree that I may be held liable for any damage, loss, or injury to United States Government property and/or third parties that may be caused by any of my actions. I also understand that nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted to affect my individual rights under Maryland law or potential rights under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA).

Hunter Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

DELIBERATE RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

1. MISSION/TASK DESCRIPTION AND EXECUTION DATE(S) Area A and Area B Whitetail Deer Bow Hunting Season 2025/2026				20250901 to 20260301		2. DATE PREPARED 20250901	
3. PREPARED BY							
a. Name (Last, First Middle Initial) GORTVA, JOSEPH				b. Rank/Grade GS-13		c. Duty Title/Position Chief, DPW Environmental Division	
d. Unit USAG DPW ED		e. Work Email joseph.j.gortva.civ@army.mil			f. Telephone (DSN/Commercial (Include Area Code)) 301-619-3196		
g. UIC/CIN (as required) W3HVAA		h. Training Support/Lesson Plan or OPORD (as required) Area A and Area B Whitetail Deer Bow Hunting			i. Signature of Preparer GORTVA.JOSEPH.J.1247027757 9/16/2025 7:18:34 PM		
Five steps of Risk Management: (1) Identify the hazards (2) Assess the hazards (3) Develop controls & make decisions (4) Implement controls (5) Supervise and evaluate (<i>Step numbers not equal to numbered items on form</i>)							
4. SUBTASK / SUBSTEP OF MISSION / TASK	5. HAZARD	6. INITIAL RISK LEVEL	7. CONTROL	8. HOW TO IMPLEMENT/ WHO WILL IMPLEMENT		9. RESIDUAL RISK LEVEL	
Hunting	Cold Weather Exposure	L (IV/C)	Ensure you are trained on cold weather injury symptoms and treatment. Ensure you have appropriate cold weather equipment/clothing.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (IV/D)	
Hunting	Slips, Trips and Falls	M (II/D)	Wear the proper footwear, deep treaded hunting boots that give you good traction and ankle support are usually your best choice.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		M (II/D)	
Hunting	Inexperienced/ Untrained Hunters	H (II/C)	Make sure you are properly licensed IAW state and local laws and installation regulations and policies.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (III/D)	
Hunting	Inexperienced/Untrained Hunters	H (II/C)	Take a hunter safety course IAW state and local laws, and installation regulations and policies. Courses are available online and are offered in person.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (III/D)	
Hunting	Hunter Mistaken for Game	M (I/E)	Don't wear tan, brown or white clothing when hunting. These colors are associated with game species.	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility		L (III/E)	

Hunting	Hunter Mistaken for Game	M (I/E)	Wear hunter orange IAW state and local laws or as required by installation regulations and policies. All hunters shall wear a total of at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange on the head, chest, and back combined (e.g., orange cap and coat/vest) visible 360 degrees at all times. Camouflage fluorescent orange may satisfy the requirement if the total orange content is at least 250 square inches. A minimum of 100 square inches of fluorescent orange material (e.g., orange safety alert band) shall be displayed within 15 feet of a stand and be visible in a 360-degree arc in addition to wearing orange.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Hunter Mistaken for Game	M (I/E)	Never do anything that could make someone mistake you for game, such as putting a deer over your shoulders to carry it out of the woods.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	M (III/C)	Always keep broadheads in a covered quiver.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	M (II/D)	Read the owner's manual and ensure you are familiar with the firing and handling characteristics of your weapon.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	H (II/C)	Never nock an arrow until you have sighted game and are ready to shoot at game.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	H (II/C)	Keep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger or do not draw back the bow until you are ready to shoot.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	L (II/E)	Ensure that you inspect your weapon prior to each and every hunt. Do not use the weapon if it is not fully functional.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (II/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	

Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling	M (I/E)	Ensure positive identification of target and what beyond the target before shooting.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (II/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Tree Stand Installation	H (I/D)	Read, understand and follow the factory recommended practices and procedures when installing commercial stands. Inspect portable stands for loose nuts and bolts each time they are used.	How: DPW O&M Branch will install stands in accordance with manufacture specifications.	M (I/E)
				Who: DPW O&M Branch	
Hunting	Tree Stand Maintenance Safety Device Inspections	H (II/C)	DPW inspects all supplied deer hunting stands prior to the hunting season to assure they are in good working condition., All straps are inspected and replaced as needed. Safety ropes are replaced each year. Safety harnesses are provided by the hunter and is the responsibility of the hunter to inspect.	How: DPW inspects and performs required maintenance as needed for all government supplied hunting stands.	L (II/E)
				Who: DPW O&M Branch	
Hunting	Tree Stands	H (I/D)	Always use a safety belt or harness when hunting from elevated tree stands. Study manufacturers recommendations before using any equipment. Never use a rope to replace a safety belt.	How: Hunter's responsibility	M (II/D)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Tree Stands	M (II/D)	Never carry equipment with you while climbing, use a haul line to raise or lower your gear.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Tree Stands	L (III/D)	Make sure weapons are unloaded and broadheads are covered prior to raising or lowering bows with a haul line.	How: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)
				Who: Hunter's responsibility	
Hunting	Improper Weapons Handling - Shooting in unauthorized direction in Hunting Area 5	H (I/D)	Hunter informed of tree stand placement and shooting direction limitations	How: EMD will provide hunter instructions and map showing hunting limitations for Area 5	L (III/E)
				Who: Hunter will read, comprehend, and document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY prior to the first hunt of the season. Failure to follow ALL local policies and procedures will result in the individual losing their hunting privileges for the 2024-25 season.	

Hunting	Bites from ticks infected with Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and other diseases	M (III/C)	Use of appropriate repellent on clothing and exposed skin	How: Hunter's responsibility Who: Hunter's responsibility	L (III/D)
Hunting	Hunter fails to follow hunting policy or regulations	EH (I/A)	Hunter will read, comprehend, and document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY prior to the first hunt of the season.	How: Hunter will document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY prior to the first hunt of the season. Failure to follow ALL local policies and procedures will result in the individual losing their hunting privileges for the remaining season Who: Hunter's responsibility	M (I/E)
Hunting	Hunter leaves field dressings in inappropriate location	M (IV/A)	Hunting policy states hunters shall field dress their harvested deer near their assigned hunting site if possible. Field dressings must be left in a wooded area away from the fence lines, running trails, and roadways visible to the public.	How: Hunter will follow policy and procedures or loose hunting privileges Who: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)
Hunting	Hunter does not understand the associated risk of hunting or potential issues with CWD	H (III/A)	Hunter educates themselves using resources available from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, hunter safety courses and information available on the internet.	How: Hunter will read, comprehend, and document their concurrence to adhere to the DRAW and LOCAL DEER HUNTING/CULLING POLICY and implement any needed research or training necessary to understand risks prior to the first hunt of the season. Who: Hunter's responsibility	L (IV/E)

10. OVERALL RESIDUAL RISK LEVEL (All controls implemented):
☐ EXTREMELY HIGH ☐ HIGH ☒ MEDIUM ☐ LOW
11. OVERALL SUPERVISION PLAN AND RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION

Hunter is responsible for reviewing this DELIBERATE RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET and to take all steps necessary to reduce risks to hunt safely.

12. APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MISSION OR TASK☐ Approve☐ Disapprove**a. Name (Last, First Middle Initial)**

Pritchard, Carl B.

b. Rank/Grade

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c. Duty Title/Position

Director of Public Works

d. Signature of Approval Authority**e. Additional Guidance:**

Risk Assessment Matrix		Probability (expected frequency)				
		Frequent: Continuous, regular, or inevitable occurrences	Likely: Several or numerous occurrences	Occasional: Sporadic or intermittent occurrences	Seldom: Infrequent occurrences	Unlikely: Possible occurrences but improbable
Severity (expected consequence)		A	B	C	D	E
Catastrophic: Mission failure, unit readiness eliminated; death, unacceptable loss or damage	I	EH	EH	H	H	M
Critical: Significantly degraded unit readiness or mission capability; severe injury, illness, loss, or damage	II	EH	H	H	M	L
Moderate: Somewhat degraded unit readiness or mission capability; minor injury, illness, loss, or damage	III	H	M	M	L	L
Negligible: Little or no impact to unit readiness or mission capability; minimal injury, loss, or damage	IV	M	L	L	L	L
Legend: EH - Extremely High Risk H - High Risk M - Medium Risk L - Low Risk						
13. RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW (Required when assessment applies to ongoing operations or activities)						
a. Date	b. Last Name	c. Rank/Grade	d. Duty Title/Position	e. Signature of Reviewer		
14. FEEDBACK AND LESSONS LEARNED						
15. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR REMARKS						

Hunting Roster for Weekend 20-21 September 2025

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