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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to, This Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Policy Memo No. 27 – Use of Privately Owned Unmanned, Model, and Remote Controlled (RC) Aircraft on Fort Knox

1. Reference:

- a. Public Law 112-95 (H.R. 658, Section 336), Subject: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, 14 Feb 2012.
- b. Notice N JO 7210.891, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Subject: Unmanned Aircraft Operations in the National Airspace System (NAS), 25 Nov 2015.
- c. Advisory Circular (AC) 91-57A, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Subject: Model Aircraft Operating Standards, 2 Sep 2015.

2. Background: Public Law 112-95 defines unmanned aircraft as an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft. Section 336 of P.L. 112-95 defines a model aircraft as an unmanned aircraft that is capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere, flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft, and flown only for hobby or recreational purposes. While aeromodellers generally are concerned about safety and exercise good judgment when flying model aircraft for the hobby and recreational purposes for which they are intended, they may share the airspace in which manned aircraft are operating. Unmanned aircraft, including RC model aircraft, may pose a hazard to manned aircraft in flight and to persons and property on the surface if not operated safely. RC model aircraft operations that endanger the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS), particularly careless or reckless operations or those that interfere with or fail to give way to any manned aircraft, may be subject to FAA enforcement action.

3. By order of the Installation Commander, privately owned Hobby Remote Controlled (RC) model (drone/quadcopters) aircraft are NOT authorized over any portion of Fort Knox Military reservation. These small, hard to see aircraft create an increased hazard to our manned flying community. Most are also equipped with cameras that add an additional security threat to the Fort Knox community. Fort Knox has low altitude

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helicopter routes into several Landing Zones (LZ) in the cantonment area and these routes need to be protected. UAS operation in Restricted Area R-3704 for recreational use is strictly prohibited. All other UAS MUST have an approved FAA Certificate of Authorization. All commercial use UAS are required to have an approved FAA Certificate of Authorization and Coordination with Directorate of Plans, Training, mobilization, and Security.

4. IAW FAA Advisory Circular (AC 91-57A) UAS for hobby or recreation purposes must meet all required guidelines. Fort Knox has added additional restrictions with aviation safety a priority and concern. FAA Advisory Circular (AC 91-57A) gives further guidance and definitions.

5. The alternative is to join a RC Flying Club. There are a few in the local are: Hardin County Radio Control Modelers, Elizabethtown, KY; Louisville Radio Control Club, Louisville, KY; and Knox Model Airplane Club in Guston, Ky.

6. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. Attn. Rickey D. Webb, Air Traffic & Airspace Officer, at (502) 624-5737, DSN 464-5737/5545, Fax (502) 624-2421, or by email to rickey.d.webb.civ@army.mil.



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