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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Garrison Policy 6 – Removal of Personally Owned Weapons (POWS) for Protective Reason

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 190-11, (Army Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives)
- b. Fort Knox (FK) Regulation 608-2, (Family Advocacy Program)
- c. AR 195-5, (Army Evidence Procedures)

2. Purpose: Installation leadership has the responsibility to protect the life, health, and safety of individuals on Fort Knox. The installation reserves the right to remove privately owned weapons (POWs) from an individual, conveyance, motor vehicle, temporary lodging facility, or residence on Fort Knox.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all persons assigned, visiting, or performing temporary duty at Fort Knox, including Knox Hills housing area, whether classified as a service member, dependent, contractor, veteran, or a non-affiliated Fort Knox (waterfall) resident.

4. Policy: The policy focuses on the safety of personnel assigned, visiting, temporarily working on Fort Knox, or residing in the Knox Hills community who possess POWs and are involved in a law enforcement event requiring possible removal of POWs. Under AR 190-11, POWs used, transported or stored on Fort Knox must be registered with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). Failure to properly register, transport or store POWs (firearms) may result in immediate removal and disbarment from the installation.

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- a. Any incident of domestic violence of a service member serving on active duty, defined as a violation of Article 128b, UCMJ, or similar State or Federal statute, occurring in, on, or off the Fort Knox Military Reservation area will result in any POWs in the home being removed temporarily at the direction of the service member's commander. Unit commanders of military service members and their families will reference FK Regulation 608-2, FK Form 5067, and FK Form 5068 and obtain possession of a service member's POWs within four hours of notification and store IAW AR 190-11.
- b. Commanders will submit FK Form 5067 and FK Form 5068 within four hours when used, a Military Protective Order should be provided within 24 hours of the incident.
- c. Any domestic violence event occurring on Fort Knox of a civilian and their family MAY result in the Fort Knox Law Enforcement Supervisor on Duty through the authority directed by the Garrison Commander, removing and temporarily securing POWs IAW with AR 190-11.
- d. Fort Knox Law Enforcement reserve the right, based upon their risk assessment, to remove POWs in any incident occurring on the Fort Knox Military reservation where an individual's mental and/or physical faculties are impaired to the point that they are prohibited from possessing firearms per AR 190-11.
- e. Domestic violence events or incidents where an individual's mental faculties are impaired occurring off the Fort Knox Military Reservation are subject to state, county or municipal laws, regulations, and enforcement proceedings. The Fort Knox Garrison Commander reserves the right to restrict individuals who are involved in such off-post incidents from entering Fort Knox with POWs. To protect the safety of the Fort Knox community, the Fort Knox Garrison Commander may also provide additional protective instructions or impose other conditions on entry for such individuals.

5. Any resident violating this policy and refusing to willfully hand over POWs is subject to removal from housing and bar from the installation.
6. Any POWs confiscated IAW this policy by Fort Knox Law Enforcement will be:
 - a. Accounted for on a DA Form 4137 and a copy will be provided to the individual(s) confiscated from IAW AR 195-5.

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b. If confiscated from a uniformed service member, POWs will be released to the service member's Commander, which must modify the register the firearm storage location (with DES) in compliance with AR 190-11.

7. POWs will not be returned to an individual that is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm per AR 190-11. Individuals must request in writing to have their firearm returned through the Commander for Soldiers and through DES for all others. POWs will be returned to the individual(s) once one of the following criteria are met.

a. In cases of domestic violence, a written order from a judicial authority or,

b. An opinion from SJA if no criminal charges or no military or civilian protective order has been filed seven business days after the date of confiscation or,

c. In incidents of mental health crisis, written documentation from a competent medical authority and concurring opinion from the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA).

8. Disposition of all confiscated POWs will be IAW AR 195-5.

9. POWs not retrieved by the individual(s) within 180 days of the notification that they may retrieve their POWs are subject to destruction IAW AR 195-5 and the SJA approval.

10. DES Law Enforcement and Commanders will provide appropriate reporting to the Installation Operations Center identifying incident and removal of POWs within four hours of the incident to provide awareness to the Fort Knox Garrison Commander that weapons were removed from the home.

11. The point of contact is Director DES at 502-624-5980.



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