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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum #25, Privately Owned Weapons

1. References.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 17JAN25.

b. Army Directive 2023-07, Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives Accountability, 24MAR23.

c. ALARACT 063-2013, Control and Reporting of Privately Owned Weapons, 25MAR13.

d. Lautenberg Amendment to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, as Amended in 1996.

e. H.R. 218, Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act, as Amended by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013, 2JAN13.

f. The Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 USC, Section 921 et seq. (18 USC 921 et seq.) or The Federal Gun Control Act, 1968 18 USC Section 922 (18 USC 922).

2. Purpose. This memorandum sets forth policy for the registration, possession and storage of privately owned weapons within the Fort George G. Meade (FMMD) community.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all service members and civilians who reside on or visit FMMD.

4. Definitions.

a. Firearm. A firearm is defined as any rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol, air rifle, air pistol which expels a projectile by action of an explosion. This includes paint ball guns, BB and gas pellet guns, rifles, and pistols. A firearm is also a weapon.

b. Weapon. A weapon is defined as any instrument or device that can be used in attack or defense in combat, fighting, war, or hunting.

5. Policy. This policy is punitive. Violation of this policy may result in action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or administrative action.

a. Registration, sale, and shipment of firearms or weapons.

(1) All weapons brought onto post or purchased on post must be registered within 24 hours at the Visitor Control Center (VCC) located at 4215 Roberts Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755. Personnel living in the barracks must provide a copy of the unit arms room storage receipt (DA Form 3749) to ensure the weapon is stored in accordance with (IAW) AR 190-11. Personnel registering weapons WILL NOT bring the weapon to the VCC. To register, personnel must fill out the FMMD Weapon Registration form completely and submit the form to the VCC in-person or virtually via email to the POCs listed on the Weapons Registration page on the garrison website. The FMMD Weapon Registration Form contains the following information:

(a) Weapon(s) type – not limited to only firearms.

(b) Model/manufacturer.

(c) Serial number.

(d) Caliber/gauge.

(e) Barrel length.

(f) Commander signature (Servicemembers only).

(2) This information will be uploaded into the Army Law Enforcement Reporting Tracking System (ALERTS) database. Once the information has been entered, two forms will be generated and signed by the issuing VCC personnel and provided to the requestor as proof of registration. One copy will be retained for personal records. Servicemembers will furnish the second copy to their unit command. For submissions via email, proof of registration will be delivered virtually.

(3) Upon departure from the installation or disposition of the weapon, clear the weapons registration with the FMMD VCC.

(4) Upon request of Directorate of Emergency Service (DES) Law Enforcement or Security officials, promptly present the appropriate documents reflecting authorization for the acquisition, registration, or retention of any privately owned firearms/weapons in their possession.

(5) When a weapon is turned into a unit arms room for storage, the unit will provide the owner with a DA Form 3749 (Equipment Receipt) for each weapon stored. Upon withdrawal of that weapon from the arms room, the owner will return the DA Form 3749 to the unit armorer. Weapons may be withdrawn from the arms room only with the approval of the unit commander or their designated authority.

b. All personnel residing on FMMD are prohibited from registering privately owned firearms if described below:

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

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

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

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

(4) 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 non-judicial punishment under Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Article 15).

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

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

c. Personnel residing on or visiting FMMD may not:

(1) Possess, use, or carry on post, any privately owned firearm or weapon that has not been registered with FMMD DES.

(2) Sell or transfer ownership of any firearm/weapon without notifying FMMD DES.

(3) Ship any firearm or ammunition in household goods, accompanied, or unaccompanied baggage, except as authorized by applicable military directives and the applicable laws of any state or political subdivision.

(4) Possess privately owned firearms or weapons as a guest occupying privatized lodging facilities on the installation.

d. Carrying, Use, and Storage of Firearms.

(1) Personnel and their Family Members will not carry any privately owned firearms or weapons on FMMD except when engaged in, or enroute to or from, authorized on-post practice areas or for off-post activities which are not in violation of federal, state or local law. Air rifles, air pistols, bullet ball or ball bearing (BB) guns, paint ball guns, and gas pellet guns meet the same requirements as stated above. All firearms and weapons, while being stored or transported on post will be stored in a locked case, unloaded, with magazine and ammunition removed and separately stored.

(2) When transported in a vehicle, firearms and projectile weapons will be unloaded and must be maintained in the trunk section of the vehicle. 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. If transporting weapons while operating a motorcycle, the weapon must be cased and may not be carried on the physical person in any manner. On a motorcycle the use of saddle bags, a backpack, or alternate carrying devices attached to the vehicle are authorized in accordance with the above guidance.

(3) Officers and enlisted personnel residing in family housing, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQs), or Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQs) may store, within their quarters, legally acquired and registered firearms or weapons, ammunition, or knives with blades measuring longer than three (3) inches (except for items categorized in section 5.g., of this policy). Firearms and projectile weapons stored in quarters will be unloaded and will be secured in a locked container (gun cabinet, lockable closet, gun case, etc.) or have a trigger-locking or action-blocking device on the weapon. Firearms and weapons unable to be stored in this manner will be stored in the unit's designated arms room. Ammunition will be stored separately from the container in which the weapon is stored. Officers and NCOs occupying BEQ and BOQ facilities, in addition to the above requirements, must also ensure weapons are independently secured in a locked container or device controlled by a separate key other than that which opens the exterior door to the living quarters. Firearms not stored in the preceding manner will be placed in their organization's arms room.

(4) Enlisted personnel living in barracks will store registered firearms, weapons and ammunition in their organization's arms room. Firearms and weapons of any nature are prohibited and will not be stored in the barracks area.

(5) On-duty federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel are authorized to carry firearms on the installation in the course of their official duties.

e. Reports of Lost, Stolen, Found, and Recovered Firearms.

(1) If a privately owned firearm or weapon is lost or stolen, the owner must make an immediate telephonic report to the FMMD DES. Personnel who find or otherwise encounter a firearm or weapon will treat the weapon as if it is loaded, post a guard to prevent personnel from entering the area where the weapon is located, and contact the police. The weapon should not be handled or moved unless the weapon presents an immediate threat or danger to personnel.

f. Possession and Use of Destructive Devices and Other Prohibited Items.

(1) Individual states issued permits or licenses that authorize individuals to carry concealed weapons are not recognized or valid on FMMD.

(2) Personnel and family members will register any weapons described as:

(a) Dagger, 'bolo' knife, machete, sword, spear, or any similar instrument.

(b) Air rifle, air pistol, BB gun, paint ball gun, gas pellet gun or any object similar in appearance to a firearm.

(c) Crossbow, compound bow, bow or arrows.

(d) Sword, saber or bayonet. This does not apply to any government issued swords, sabers, or bayonets being utilized in official ceremonial details or duties.

(e) Any firearm.

(f) Any item which is reasonably defined as a weapon and is not prohibited by law, regulation or policy.

g. Unauthorized Weapons.

(1) It is prohibited to possess, carry, conceal, transport, store, transfer, or sell any of the following weapons or devices on, by way of, or within the confines of FMMD:

(a) Sawed-off shotgun. A shotgun or any weapon made from a shotgun whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise, having one or more barrels less than 18 inches in length or if such weapon, as modified, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(b) Sawed-off rifle. A weapon designed, made, and intended to be fired from the shoulder which has a barrel or barrels less than 16 inches in length or has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(c) Silencer or muffler for any weapon.

(d) Molotov cocktail (e.g., any gasoline or other flammable or combustible substance with a flash point of 200 degrees Fahrenheit or less in a glass container or other breakable container).

(e) Club-type hand weapons, to include, but not limited to, blackjacks, brass knuckles, nun chuck, and similar devices.

(f) Shooting pen or other devices designed to discharge a chemical agent or projectile.

(g) Shooting weapon or blade that is particularly equipped to be collapsed, telescoped, mounted with searchlights or shortened; or that is stripped beyond the normal extent required for hunting or sporting; or that is concealed in other devices (e.g., walking sticks, umbrellas, and tubes).

(h) U.S. military owned ammunition (e.g. 5.56mm or 7.62mm NATO rounds) or any U.S. military owned weapon, except when authorized.

(i) Explosive, incendiary, and pyrotechnic devices to include any type of military or commercial explosive, incendiary, gas or smoke bomb, homemade bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine, blasting cap, and/or practice devices such as simulators and other similar detonating devices which are capable of being altered to contain live charges.

(j) Throwing weapons with blades (e.g., target daggers, throwing stars, or similar devices) or any disc of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which are designed to be thrown or propelled, and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart.

(k) Weapons used for strangulation (e.g., a garrote).

(l) Any object powered by electrical charging which carries an electrical current of sufficient voltage to deliver a shock to a person, such as a cattle prod, stun gun, "taser", or other sophisticated, crude, or improvised apparatuses designed to harm or incapacitate a person.

(m) Knives with automatic blade openers (e.g., switchblades, gravity knives, butterfly knives) of any length.

(n) Folding or fixed-blade knife with a blade length of more than three (3) inches measured from the tip of the blade to the hilt. (This does not apply to knives that are permanently affixed to a plaque or in a frame used for decorative purposes, ceremonial swords, or knives used for food preparation. Knives exceeding three inches, which do not meet the criteria in section 5.g., of this policy, and are utilized for hunting, fishing, or camping related activities are authorized as a registered weapon IAW with the directives defined in this policy).

(o) Fully automatic weapon (machine gun).

(p) Any unregistered firearm that is required to be registered by Army regulation or state or local law.

(q) Any object that has been modified to be used or displayed as a weapon.

h. Personnel may carry multi-tool devices (e.g. Leatherman, Swiss Army Knife and similar styles) with blades which do not exceed three (3) inches in length. These devices may be carried on a person but may not be utilized, brandished, or openly displayed in the presence of other people in a manner likely to put a reasonable person in fear regarding their safety.

6. Proponent. The Directorate of Emergency Services, Physical Security Division at (301) 677-6622.

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