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U.S. ARMY GARRISON WEST POINT POLICY #18

SUBJECT: West Point Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Operation Policy

1. REFERENCES.

- a. 49 CFR Part 571, Dept. of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- b. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5525.04 (Enforcement of the State Traffic Laws on DoD Installations), 2 November 1981, Incorporating Change 3, Effective 30 September 2020
- c. DoD Instruction 6055.04 (DoD Motor Vehicle and Traffic Safety), 27 August 2021
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 58-1 (Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles), 23 March 2020
- e. AR 215-1 (Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities), 24 September 2010
- f. AR 385-10 (The Army Safety Program), 24 February 2017
- g. AR 600-55 (The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program), 17 September 2019

2. PURPOSE. To set forth the U.S. Army Garrison West Point (USAG WP) guidance on the use and operation of LSVs and NEVs on West Point.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all individuals who operate LSVs and/or NEVs on West Point. This policy does not restrict the use and operation of medically necessary mobility devices or authorized mobility assistance vehicles. West Point personnel should coordinate with the USAG WP Disability Program Manager for assistance with the reasonable accommodations request process. Visitors may present accommodation requests through the USAG WP Provost Marshal's Office for coordination with the USAG WP Disability Program Manager. This policy does not apply to LSV/NEVs (specifically, Golf Carts) used or operated by patrons of the West Point Golf Course while on the West Point Golf Course.

#### 4. DEFINITIONS.

a. **LSV.** LSVs are 4-wheeled motor vehicles whose attainable speed is more than 20MPH but does not exceed 25MPH. LSVs must have the following safety equipment: headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, an alert sound (horn), and vehicle identification numbers. Enclosed is a list of vehicles considered LSVs by the State of New York (current as of the date of this policy).

b. **NEV.** NEVs are golf cars and other similar vehicles whose maximum speed does not exceed 20MPH. NEVs are required to have reflectors or reflective tape on all four corners of the vehicle. For purposes of this policy, an NEV includes fleet golf cars, personal golf cars, and speed-modified golf cars.

c. **Public Highway.** Public highway is defined as any highway, road, street, avenue, alley, public place, public driveway, or other public way.

#### 5. POLICY.

a. **Personally owned NEV.** New York State does not permit the registration or operation of NEVs on any public highway. New York State vehicular and pedestrian traffic laws are assimilated and made applicable on the West Point Military Reservation. As such, personally owned NEVs cannot be used or operated on public highways on West Point.

b. **Personally owned LSVs.** Personally owned LSVs are authorized for use on West Point, subject to the following:

(1) **Residency Requirement:** Only residents of USAG WP are authorized to register personally owned LSVs for use and operation USAG WP. Only residents and their guests are authorized to operate personally owned LSVs on West Point.

(2) **Permit Requirement:** Residents must register their personally owned LSVs with the USAG WP Provost Marshal's Office and obtain an operation permit prior to use and operation on West Point. The permit must be available for inspection while the LSV is in use. The Provost Marshal will establish administrative requirements and systems to facilitate the LSV registration and permit process. At a minimum, to be issued an LSV permit, the requestor must provide the following:

(a) Documentation that the LSV is properly registered in accordance with New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (NYS VAT).

(b) Documentation that the LSV meets New York State insurance requirements.

(c) Documentation demonstrating residency/domicile on West Point.

(d) If at any point the LSV is no longer properly insured or registered in accordance with NYS requirements, the LSV permit is void.

(3) **Restrictions on use:** The following restrictions apply to the use and operation of personally owned LSVs:

(a) **High Traffic/Pedestrian Volume:** Personally owned LSVs shall not be operated during high traffic/pedestrian volume events, including Reception Day (R-day), home NCAA football games, graduation day, and other designated special events where there will be a high volume of traffic. For events not specifically listed, the Provost Marshal will provide reasonable notice of the restriction via USAG WP safety communication systems or signage. Personally owned LSV operation is exempt from the high traffic volume restriction when the operation facilitates the performance of official duties, to include commuting to and from the operator's place of duty, inspections, and enabling distinguished visitor missions.

(b) **Weather and Safety:** Personally owned LSVs shall not be operated during Code White or Code Red weather conditions. Drivers should use common sense at all times in deciding whether to drive.

(c) **Cadet Ownership and Operation:** Cadets and Cadet Candidates are prohibited from owning or operating LSVs on the West Point Military Reservation.

(4) **Battery Charging:** Personally owned LSVs will not be charged using government owned vehicle charging stations. Charging is a personal expense, unless expressly provided as a public service. USAG WP Housing, or representatives, may proscribe additional guidance for vehicle battery charging within the housing area.

(5) **Operation:** Use and operation of personally owned LSVs will comply with all applicable NYS Vehicle and Traffic Laws, as well as DoD, Army, and local motor vehicular and traffic safety rules and regulations. All operators of personally owned LSVs must have a valid state driver's license. Personally owned LSVs will be operated in the same manner as a traditional motor vehicle and will comply with all traffic control regulations and posted road signs (e.g., stop signs, turn signals, posted speed limits, etc.).

(a) Use and operation of personally owned LSVs shall not impede traffic. Operators shall be aware of the limitations of their LSV and whether it can operate on the intended road at a speed to not impede traffic.

(b) No person shall operate a LSV on a roadway with a speed limit in excess of 35MPH; a LSV may cross a road with a speed limit in excess of 35MPH.

(c) Personally owned LSVs may not operate on sidewalks, areas intended for pedestrian use, or areas where a traditional vehicle is not authorized.

(6) **Parking:** Personally owned LSVs will follow the parking restrictions applicable to traditional motor vehicles. Parking is only authorized in designated places and spaces for traditional motor vehicles. The display of parking authorization decals is required for parking in controlled spaces in accordance with local policy. The USAG WP Provost Marshal will establish additional guidance on the procurement and display of LSV parking authorization decals.

c. **Government owned LSVs and NEVs.** Operators of government owned LSVs and NEV will adhere to the following:

(1) **Official purposes:** Government owned LSVs and NEVs will only be used for official purposes.

(2) **No duty to domicile travel:** Government owned LSVs and NEVs may not be used to commute between official duty locations and an individual's residence. Government owned LSVs and NEVs will not be parked or garaged at a domicile for other than official business.

(3) **Operation:** Use and operation of Government owned LSVs and NEVs must comply with all applicable NYS Vehicle and Traffic Laws, as well as DoD, Army, and local motor vehicular and traffic safety rules and regulations. All operators of Government owned LSVs and NEVs must have a valid state driver's license. All LSVs and NEVs will be operated in the same manner as traditional motor vehicles and will comply with all traffic control regulations and posted road signs (e.g., stop signs, turn signals, posted speed limits, etc.).

(4) **NEV Safety:** Commanders and supervisors at all levels are responsible for ensuring Government owned LSVs and NEVs are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition, to include annual safety inspections, serviceability inspections, emissions inspections, and preventative maintenance. If the Government owned NEV does not have turn signals, common hand and arm signals will be used by the operator to signal turns/turning direction. NEVs operated during periods of limited visibility will, at a minimum, have functioning headlights and taillights. Government owned NEVs operated during periods of normal visibility will have reflectors or reflective tape on all four corners.

(5) **Blocking positions:** Government owned LSVs and NEVs utilized to access blocking positions during football games and graduation events must have approved blocking position passes from the USMA Antiterrorism Officer.

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(6) **Pedestrian Safety:** Pedestrians will be granted the right-of-way. LSVs and NEVs will not block pedestrian access to sidewalks when parked.

d. This policy does not apply to the use of government owned All Terrain Vehicles, Utility Terrain Vehicles, and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles used or operated by Emergency, ODIA, DFMWR, or DPW personnel. Operators of these vehicles are required to be trained and licensed before operating them and adhere to applicable regulations.

e. Operation of any LSVs or NEVs in violation of this policy may result in:

(1) Driving privileges on the installation suspended or revoked.

(2) Operator detained while supervisor/parent/guardian takes custody of the individual and/or property.

(3) Chain of command notified of improper use of government equipment or violation of motor vehicle and traffic rules and regulations.

(4) DD Form 1408 (Armed Forces Traffic Ticket) issued for improper/unsafe operation.

(5) Disciplinary or adverse employment action.

(6) District Court Violation Notices issued for traffic violation.

6. **PROPONENT.** The Director of Emergency Services is the proponent of this policy and can be reached at (845) 938-8131.

7. **EXPIRATION.** This policy is effective the date of this memorandum and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.

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