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MARINE CORPS BASE ORDER 5500.4B

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: SECURITY INSPECTIONS AND CHECKPOINTS

Ref: (a) Fourth Amendment, U.S. Constitution
(b) MCBO 5800.1A
(c) MCBO 5580.2B

1. Purpose. To promulgate information and assign responsibilities for the conduct of security inspections at the entry/exit points and gates of Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ) and other designated areas.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 5500.4A.

3. Information. The operation of motor vehicles on MCBQ is a privilege, which is extended to persons who meet certain qualifications and abide by applicable laws and regulations. Reference (a) identifies Fourth Amendment rights as prescribed in the U.S. Constitution. Reference (b) establishes the traffic court system aboard MCBQ. Reference (c) provides policy and procedures for the execution of law enforcement aboard Marine Corps installations.

4. Security Inspections

a. In order to ensure the security of MCBQ, periodic security inspections that entail the search of persons and/or vehicles will be conducted on a random basis at the following locations:

- (1) Entry/exit points and gates to MCBQ.
- (2) Camp Barrett area.
- (3) Marine Corps Air Facility.
- (4) Weapons Training Battalion area.
- (5) Camp Upshur area.

(6) Entrances to mainside area from the Town of Quantico (located at the intersection of Barnett and Neville Avenues and along Broadway Avenue, between Upshur and Fifth Avenues).

b. The search of persons and/or vehicles entering or departing MCBQ will be conducted at the established gates or as close to the installation perimeter as is practical. A primary consideration in determining such a site will be the relative safety the contemplated location affords all individuals and property involved.

c. The search of persons and/or vehicles entering or departing those areas specified in paragraph 4a(2) through 4a(5) will be at points of entry/exit to those areas. The search of persons and/or vehicles passing through these security inspections will be indiscriminate and not target any single population.

d. These searches will be conducted, as directed by the Commander, MCBQ, on a random basis and accomplished by the Provost Marshal. The Provost Marshal will determine the methods of selecting vehicles to be stopped, the procedure followed in conducting the searches, and the times and locations of the searches.

e. The Provost Marshal will determine whether the inspection will include an examination of the driver's license to operate a motor vehicle and the registration and safety inspection of the vehicle.

f. A search other than at the perimeter of MCBQ or at points of entry and exit of those areas specified in paragraph 4a(2) through 4a(5) must be justified by probable cause or other circumstances, such as military necessity, which demonstrates that the search is reasonable within the meaning of reference (a).

g. Civilians entering MCBQ who decline to allow an authorized search of their person or vehicle will be refused admission and will be required to immediately exit the installation without a search being conducted. Civilians may not decline to allow an authorized search of their person or vehicle upon exiting MCBQ at points within the installation. Civilians detained as the result of contraband found during any search will be processed per reference (c).

h. Checkpoints may be established on any road aboard MCBQ east of U.S. 1, except Fuller Road, to ensure that vehicles traveling thereon are displaying either a current decal or visitor's pass authorizing access to the installation. The Provost Marshal will determine the location of the checkpoints and the times such checks will be conducted. No vehicle displaying a current decal or visitor's pass while proceeding through the checkpoint will be stopped. When no current decal or

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visitor's pass is visible, the vehicle will be stopped and the status of the driver determined. Military personnel, civilian employees, and contract employees will be processed per references (b) and (c). Civilians having no military or command connection will be processed per reference (c), and their names, addresses, and vehicle license numbers will be recorded.

5. Action

a. Provost Marshal

(1) Coordinate, schedule, and conduct security inspections and checkpoints on a random basis but not less than once every 4 weeks.

(2) Issue a warning to civilians having no military or MCBQ connection who are stopped at checkpoints for driving aboard the installation without a visitor's pass.

b. Organizational Commanders/Civilian Personnel Supervisors.
Ensure that this Order receives widest dissemination.

/s/
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