From: Commander
To: Distribution List
Subj: PRIVATELY OWNED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regulation 1159
(c) 26 U.S.C. 921-929
(d) MCBO P11015.2A
(e) DOD 4160.21-M (NOTAL)
(f) MCO 8300.1C
(g) MCO 5580.2B

Encl: (1) Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form
      (2) Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Gun Counter Security Procedure
      (3) Privately Owned Weapons Registration Form

1. Purpose. To publish instructions for the control of privately owned weapons, ammunition and explosives.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 8000.1.

3. Summary of Revision. This Revision contains a significant number of changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.

4. Information. Reference (a) prohibits the possession of any dangerous weapon, instrument, device or highly explosive article or compound on board any installation or vehicle under naval jurisdiction, except when necessary for the proper performance of duty or when authorized by proper authority. Reference (b) is the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Reference (c) is the Federal Gun Control Act which lists weapons prohibited under Federal law. Reference (d) provides guidance and instructions related to fish and wildlife management. Reference (e) establishes policy for DoD personal property utilization and disposal program. Reference (f) provides procedures for the implementation of the Marine Corps serialized control of small arms systems. Reference (g) is the Law Enforcement Manual.

5. Policy. This Order is applicable to all personnel working, residing or traveling aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ). Military personnel who violate the provisions of this Order are subject to prosecution under Article 92 of reference (b).
Civilian violators are subject to administrative action and/or prosecution by the Commonwealth of Virginia or Federal authorities.

6. Concealed or Loaded Weapons. Individual state licenses or permits that authorize individuals to carry concealed handguns are not recognized or valid on MCBQ. Under no circumstances will the transportation of loaded or concealed handguns, shotguns, or rifles be permitted on MCBQ except under those situations outlined in paragraph 7 of this Order.

7. Persons Authorized to Possess Weapons. The following persons may possess weapons on their person while aboard MCBQ:

   a. Military personnel required to do so in the execution of their duties.
   
   b. Civilian law enforcement and bank security personnel required to possess service/organizationally issued weapons in the execution of their official duties, to include police officers in the town of Quantico, Military Department Investigative Agencies, and students of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.
   
   c. Personnel authorized to hunt aboard MCBQ in compliance with reference (d).
   
   d. Personnel on authorized and approved MCBQ ranges.
   
   e. Individuals with written permission from the MCBQ Provost Marshal.

8. Persons Authorized to Transport Weapons. The following persons may transport weapons aboard MCBQ in the manner outlined in paragraph 9 of this Order:

   a. Members of Marine Corps rifle and pistol teams.
   
   b. Personnel proceeding to or from authorized recreational weapons practice and hunting activities.
   
   c. Personnel proceeding directly to or from the authorized place of storage of the weapon aboard MCBQ and a location off MCBQ.
   
   d. Personnel who lawfully purchase a weapon at the Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) or in the town of Quantico on the date of purchase only.
e. Personnel bringing their weapons to the MCX to return a purchased weapon or in order to utilize the Firearms Transfer Service for a permanent change of station move. Weapons must be transported in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Order under the following conditions:

(1) Personnel must call ahead to the MCX, identify themselves and set a time for bringing the weapon to the MCX.

(2) Upon entering the MCX, personnel shall notify MCX security that they possess a weapon.

(3) Weapons must be in a carrying case.

(4) Magazines must be empty and removed.

(5) No ammunition may be brought into the MCX.

9. Transportation of Permissible Weapons. Weapons transported aboard MCBQ must be transported in the following manner:

a. Weapons must be in the trunk of the vehicle. In vehicles without a trunk, weapons must be in a carrying case, and placed as far away from vehicle occupants as the situation permits. If transporting weapons while operating a motorcycle, the weapon must be cased and may not be carried on the person in any manner. The use of a holster is prohibited. On a motorcycle the use of saddle bags, a back pack or some other carrying device is authorized.

b. Weapons must be unloaded and on safe.

c. Magazines and all ammunition must be removed from weapons.

   d. Magazines and ammunition must be separate and kept as far as possible from the weapon.


11. Safeguarding, Registration and Control

   a. All individuals residing aboard MCBQ must complete the Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1) and register all firearms, bows, crossbows, BB and pellet guns with the Provost Marshal (Vehicle Registration Office, Building 2043) within 10 working days of initially bringing the weapon(s) on base. Enclosure (3) of this Order will be used to register weapons.
b. Personnel of the rank E-7 and below and O-3 and below must have their registration form, enclosure (3), signed by their commanding officer.

c. MCBQ residents will store their legally owned, private firearms and ammunition in accordance with the following:

   (1) Sergeants (E-5) and below who reside in the bachelor enlisted quarters (BEQ) will complete the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1), register their weapons with the Provost Marshall, enclosure (3) and store their privately owned weapons in their organizational armory or off MCBQ.

   (2) Officers and staff noncommissioned officers will complete the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1), register their weapons with the Provost Marshall, enclosure (3), and store their privately owned weapons in their organizational armory or off MCBQ. They may store their privately owned weapons in their bachelor officer quarters or bachelor enlisted quarters provided the arms are properly secured inside a locked gun safe or strongbox.

   (3) All occupants of MCBQ Lincoln Family Housing may store their privately owned weapons inside their quarters provided that:

      (a) A device such as a trigger lock, gun safe, or strongbox, is used to secure each firearm.

      (b) Under no circumstance will any firearm be accessible to children, without close parental supervision.

d. Individuals not residing aboard MCBQ are exempt from the registration requirement. Such persons may transport their privately owned firearms aboard MCBQ only for the purposes outlined in this Order.

e. Individuals who purchase a weapon on MCBQ at the MCX will review and sign the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1) of this Order. Those individuals shall fill out the form and the MCX will maintain a copy on file.

f. Individuals applying to reside in Lincoln Family Housing aboard MCBQ will review and sign the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1) of this Order. The Family Housing Office will maintain a copy on file for the duration of the individual’s residence on MCBQ.
g. Military police will seize all weapons found to be in violation of this Order. Weapons seized in conjunction with criminal activity will be held as evidence until advised by the Military Justice Officer or Special Assistant U.S. Attorney at which time they will be disposed of in accordance with appropriate orders. Weapons seized in other circumstances not related to criminal activity will be held at PMO for a period not to exceed 72 hours at which point the weapons will be properly registered and turned over to the servicemember’s command or returned to the registered owner.

h. When a prohibited weapon is found aboard MCBQ, it will be confiscated and action referred to the appropriate commanding officer for adjudication. Upon completion of any legal proceeding, the item will be disposed of in accordance with reference (e).

12. Prohibited Activities. The following activities are prohibited aboard MCBQ:

a. The introduction, manufacture, sale, importation, loan, or possession of any assault weapon prohibited under Federal law, reference (c).

b. Possession of a loaded firearm except when ready to fire on an approved MCBQ range or within a designated hunting area (not applicable to law enforcement and security personnel when in the execution of their duties).

c. The possession and/or use by minors (17 years or younger) of paintball guns, air rifles, pellet or BB guns, firearms, bows and arrows, sling-shots, or any weapon capable of causing death or serious injury, except when under the direct supervision of an adult and in an approved location.

d. The introduction, manufacture, sale, importation, loan, giving or unlawful possession of any instrument or weapon capable of inflicting bodily injury, such as but not limited to devices that project noxious gas or dangerous flames, items of any kind commonly known as a black jack, billy club, metal knuckles, nunchaku, throwing star, throwing knife, butterfly knife, spring-loaded (switchblade) or gravity-fed knife, straight razor, or illegally modified firearm is prohibited except for the following:

   (1) The lawful possession of a police baton by law enforcement and security personnel, acting within the scope of their duties.
(2) Nonfolding sheath knives when individuals are engaged in hunting, fishing, camping or the performance of their assigned duties.

(3) Nunchaku, throwing stars and all other martial arts equipment when used in organized classes conducted by certified/authorized martial arts instructors.

e. Introducing, possessing and/or using fireworks prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia (firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, etc.), and pyrotechnics or explosives of any type except in connection with military duties.

13. Action

a. Provost Marshal

(1) Register privately owned weapons.

(2) Conduct a local records check of all personnel registering privately owned weapons.

(3) Enforce provisions of this Order as they apply to introducing, possessing, registering, storing, transporting, and using weapons.

(4) Investigate, process, and report all incidents in violation of this Order.

(5) Provide copies of the Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1), to businesses in the town of Quantico that sell weapons. Explain the purpose behind these forms and request that those businesses give a copy of the form to every individual who purchases a weapon.

(6) Maintain and update a database of all personnel residing in bachelor enlisted quarters, bachelor officer quarters and Lincoln Family Housing aboard MCBQ who store weapons in their residence on unit armories.

(7) Utilize the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form and procedure outlined in enclosure (3).

(8) Ensure signs are posted at the MCX Gun Counter explaining procedure for Firearm Transfer Service.

(9) Post signs at main gates and guard posts explaining the possession of firearms aboard MCBQ.
b. **Commanding Officers**

(1) Ensure all newly assigned personnel are informed of the provisions of this Order during initial orientation, and as often thereafter as deemed necessary.

(2) Ensure that the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Knowledge Form, enclosure (1) is completed by all individuals residing in BEQs. Retain a copy of the signed acknowledgment form on file for the duration of the Marine residing in the BEQ. Verify each weapon serial number prior to signing the Privately Owned Weapons Registration Form enclosure (3) for E-7s and below and O-3s and below.

(3) Provide storage within unit armories for personal weapons belonging to sergeants (E-5) and below residing in the BEQ.

(4) Ensure that personal weapons stored in the unit's armory are stored in locked containers, separate from military weapons and ammunition, and inventoried in accordance with reference (f).

(5) Ensure personal weapons and ammunition are permanently withdrawn from the armory only after written approval of the commanding officer or authorized representative.

c. **MCBQ Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4**

(1) Ensure that the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1) is completed by staff noncommissioned officers and officers residing in the bachelor enlisted and officers quarters.

(2) Provide storage in unit armories for staff noncommissioned officers and officers who desire to store personal weapons in an armory.

d. **Marine Corps Community Services**

(1) Ensure individuals who purchase weapons fill out the MCBQ Personal Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1), at the time of purchase.

(2) Keep a copy of the signed Acknowledgement Form on file for three years after purchase.

(3) Follow current security procedures as outlined in enclosure (2) of this Order when individuals purchase weapons in the MCX aboard MCBQ.
e. **Family Housing**

(1) Ensure individuals who reside in Lincoln Family Housing aboard MCBQ complete the MCBQ Personal Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1).

(2) Retain a copy of the signed Acknowledgement Form on file for the duration of all residents aboard MCBQ.

(3) Provide a monthly report to the Provost Marshal with information regarding which residents aboard MCBQ possess and store weapons in their residence.

/s/
D. J. CHOIKE

DISTRIBUTION: A
PRIVATELY OWNED WEAPONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 5041, Headquarters, Marine Corps; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE: To assure proper control of weapons on installations; to monitor and control purchase and disposition of weapons/accessories; and provide record of individuals authorized access to armory spaces.

ROUTINE USES: In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows: The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system

MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AND EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of personal information is voluntary however will result in not being permitted to purchase firearms, store, or transport personal weapons aboard military facilities.

The following statement of understanding applies to all persons purchasing, possessing or transporting firearms on MCBQ including, but not limited to, military personnel and retirees, their dependants, civilians, and contractors.

I certify that I reside:
☐ Off Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ).
☐ On MCBQ Address: ______________________________________________________.

I certify that I:
☐ Possess weapons/firearms and will store them on MCBQ in accordance with MCBO 8000.1A.
☐ Do not possess weapons/firearms.

Individuals NOT Residing on MCBQ

• You are not required to register your firearm with the Provost Marshal. You must comply with the policies listed below regarding the transport of your weapon aboard MCBQ for authorized purposes.

Individuals residing on MCBQ

• Registration Requirement. You must register all firearms with the Provost Marshal (Vehicle Registration Office, Building 2043) within 10 working days. E-7 and below and O-3 and below must have their commanding officer sign the registration form.

ENCLOSURE (1)
• **Requirement.** **Sergeants (E-5) and below residing in the barracks** must store their personal firearms in the armory. **Officers and SNCOs residing in the BOQ/BEQ** may store their firearms in their room only if securely stored inside a locked gun safe or strongbox. **All occupants of base housing** may store firearms in their quarters only if a device such as a trigger lock, gun safe, or strongbox is used to secure each firearm. Stored personal firearms must be inaccessible to minors.

**Possessing and Transporting Weapons aboard MCBQ - Applicable to ALL**

• **The possession of a loaded firearm on board MCBQ is not permitted** unless you are authorized and on an approved range, or within a designated hunting area. The possession of a concealed weapon, either loaded or unloaded, is not permitted. These prohibitions do not apply to military personnel, civilian law enforcement officials, and bank guards carrying out official duties.

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MARINE CORPS EXCHANGE (MCX) GUN COUNTER SECURITY PROCEDURE

The following is the standard operating procedure for MCX employees at the Quantico Base MCX Gun Counter.

When an individual purchases a firearm and the sale is approved, the sales clerk will take the following steps:

1. Provide purchaser the MCBQ Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form, enclosure (1), and retain a signed copy on file for 3 years.

2. Call MCX Security and give them information of firearm sale as well as whether purchaser also has ammunition.

3. Instruct purchaser to immediately proceed out of the MCX with the firearm remaining in its packaging.

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