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COMMANDER POLICY LETTER 4-20

From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region - Marine

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Subj: POLICY FOR CONCEALED CARRY OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS FOR U.S. MARINE

CORPS LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOARD MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 719/19 Concealed Carry of Privately Owned Fire Arms for U.S. Marine Corps Law Enforcement Professionals

(b) MCO 5580.4, (Implementation of the Amended LEOSA)

(c) SECNAV Instruction 5500.37 (Arming and the Use of Force)

(d) MCINCR-MCBQO 5501

1. Situation

- a. Ref (a) authorizes qualified active Marine Corps Law Enforcement (LE) professionals who possess valid Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) 18 U.S.C. §926B credentials to carry concealed privately owned firearms (POF) aboard Marine Corps property in the United States and U.S. territories for personal protection when in a liberty/off-duty status.
- b. Per ref (b), Marine Corps LE professionals are defined as Military Police, Criminal Investigators, and Marine Corps Law Enforcement Program Police Officers who meet credentialing requirements for concealed carry of a POF for personal protection.
- c. The Commander MCINCR-MCBQ establishes this policy for Marine Corps LE professionals who possess valid LEOSA 18 U.S.C. §926B credentials to carry a concealed POF aboard MCBQ.
- 2. $\underline{\text{Mission}}$. MCINCR-MCBQ establishes policy for the on-base concealed carry of privately owned firearms by qualified Marine Corps LE professionals when in a liberty/off-duty status.

3. Execution

- a. Commander's Intent. To ensure base policy and procedures are implemented that allow for full and safe compliance with the provisions of MARADMIN 719/19.
- b. <u>Concept of Operations</u>. Effective immediately, Marine Corps LE professionals, as defined in ref (b), are authorized to carry concealed privately owned firearms on MCINCR-MCBQ when not in performance of official duties. Open carry is not authorized. Law Enforcement professionals must comply with the following:

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- (1) Marine Corps LE professionals must comply with concealed carry requirements as set forth in ref (c), and restrictions and special considerations, including POF registration, POF storage and transportation, and adherence to POF concealed carry policy, as prescribed in ref (a), remain in effect.
- (2) Concealed carry of privately owned firearms are NOT authorized in DoD schools or grounds, on-base banks or credit unions, in base courtrooms unless authorized in advance by the military judge, or any other locations identified in 18 U.S.C. §922(q) "Federal Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995.
- (3) Concealed carry of privately owned firearms are **NOT** authorized while in uniform.
- (4) Concealed carry of privately owned firearms are NOT authorized while conducting PT.
- (5) In addition to the above restrictions, E-5s and below who possess valid LEOSA 18 U.S.C. §926B credentials are further restricted from entering any barracks with any POF.
 - (6) Alcohol and prescription drugs.
- a) Alcohol consumption is not authorized by Marine Corps LE professionals when they are in a concealed carry status aboard MCBQ.
- b) Marine Corps LE professionals shall not carry concealed weapons while under the influence of prescription and over-the-counter drugs that cause drowsiness, euphoria, or caution against operating machinery.

c. Tasks

(1) Commanding Officer, Security Battalion

- (a) Register all valid LEOSA 18 U.S.C. §926B credentialed personnel who intend to participate in the concealed carry program aboard MCBQ.
- (b) Verify that LEOSA 18 U.S.C. \$926B certification and training of registrant is current.
- (2) $\underline{\text{Commands and Tenant Activities}}$. Ensure personnel are aware of this policy.
- d. <u>Coordinating Instructions</u>. This policy does not authorize other Department of Defense (DOD) LE professionals to carry a concealed POF on MCINCR-MCBQ, nor does it extend to Marine Corps LE professionals on joint bases, on other DoD property under the cognizance of another DOD service, or on other federal facilities.
- 4. Administration and Logistics. This policy shall be incorporated into the next revision of ref (d).
- 5. <u>Command and Signal</u>. The point of contact for this order is the MCINCR-MCBQ Provost Marshal Office.

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