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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison, Fort Irwin and the National Training Center Policy #3, Privately Owned Weapons on Fort Irwin

1. Purpose. To establish an installation policy for the registration, possession, storage, transport and use of privately owned weapons (POWs) on Fort Irwin.
2. Applicability. This policy applies to all personnel entering and residing on Fort Irwin.
3. References.
  - a. NTC Regulation 190-1, Privately Owned Weapons, 5 April 1999
  - b. AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 5 September 2013
  - c. AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program, 25 February 2011
  - d. AR 195-5, Evidence Procedures, 22 February 2013
  - e. Public Law 111-383, Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11 NDAA), Section 1062, 7 January 2011
4. Policy. In accordance with reference **a**, POWs will be locally registered within three working days after the weapon is introduced on Fort Irwin when the individual initially in-processes with the installation and the weapon is expected to be brought on post, or when a new weapons purchase is made from AAFES and the weapon will be stored on post. Local weapons registration is conducted at the Fort Irwin Police Station (Bldg. 326). Registration, storage, use and transport of POWs will be IAW reference **b** and applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. Requirements are as follows:
  - a. All personnel (military and civilian) residing on Fort Irwin are required to register POWs. Personnel requiring weapons registration will complete NTC Form 655, Registration of Privately-Owned Weapons, and forward it to the Police Desk in building 326 for completion of a NCIC records check. Upon completion of the records check, NTC Form 655 will be furnished to the unit commander/director who will determine eligibility for POW possession/ownership and storage location. Commanders/directors will document their determination and forward NTC Form 655 to the Police Station (Bldg. 326) for

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registration of the weapon(s) in the Army's Centralized Operations Police Suite. Upon completion of registration a copy of the completed form will be furnished to: The unit for retention, to the registrant to accompany the weapon, and the DES Administrative Section for record. Commanders/Directors will only approve requests for POW possession/storage after verifying:

(1) Proof of legal ownership of the firearm.

(2) The individual has received appropriate safety training and is knowledgeable of federal, state, and local laws and regulations concerning the possession, use, storage and transportation of the firearm.

(3) A favorable NCIC check has been completed.

(4) The individual is not prohibited from possessing a firearm. Personnel who are prohibited from possessing a firearm include:

(a) Any person convicted of a felony.

(b) Any person convicted in any court of any crime of domestic violence (misdemeanor or felony).

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

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

b. Personnel not residing on Fort Irwin may bring a firearm on to Fort Irwin for the express purpose of hunting, or authorized target practice and recreational use, however, all weapons must first be registered with the Provost Marshal. Target practice and recreational shooting will be conducted only at the Fort Irwin Sportsman's Range, military range facilities, or at the MWR Skeet and Trap range and in compliance with the instructions of designated supervisory personnel. All personnel engaged in these activities will present proof of registration (NTC Form 655, Registration of Privately Owned Firearms) to facility/range supervisory personnel prior to conducting activities with the firearm. Individuals engaged in hunting activities will have in their possession a valid hunting permit and comply with applicable local, state and federal laws.

c. Any civilian or family member under the age of 18 is prohibited from the use of firearms on Fort Irwin, unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian over the age of 18.

d. Soldiers who reside in barracks, BEQ/BOQ or geo-bachelor quarters, will have POWs secured in their unit arms room. Personnel who reside in government quarters

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may store POWs in their quarters provided they are properly registered and secured. Firearms will be secured in either a locked container or secured with a trigger lock. Ammunition for the firearm will be secured separately from the firearm in a locked container.

e. Weapons purchased from an AAFES Exchange shall be registered on post within 72 hours if the weapon is going to be stored on post.

**f. Rotational unit personnel on orders to the NTC are not authorized to purchase weapons from AAFES while here for training.**

g. In the event of a weapon's transfer of ownership or a change of residence of the owner, the registered owner will notify the Police Desk (Bldg. 326) or the Weapons Registration Clerk (Bldg. 334) of the changes and the Desk Sergeant or weapons registration clerk will amend the registration record and a new NTC Form 655 will be completed by the new owner and the unit commander.

h. Upon arrival of newly reporting Soldiers, the receiving unit will take custody of any POW if the Soldier is residing in temporary lodging. The Soldier may make arrangements for the weapon to be stored as another Soldier's residence as long as that weapon is properly registered on post prior to doing so. POWs will not be stored at the Landmark Inn. Soldiers who are not immediately assigned to a unit will store their weapons at their MSC designated arms storage facility. Weapons will not be stored in barracks rooms. Weapons may be stored in the appropriate designated unit arms room or a private residence in accordance with policies of the landlord or realty company.

i. When Soldiers who possess POWs, PCS or ETS from Fort Irwin, their clearing process shall include weapons registration at the Police Desk (Bldg. 326) or at the Weapons Registration Office (Bldg. 334).

j. Unit commanders will:

(1) Account for and inventory POWs and ammunition secured in unit arms rooms in conjunction with and at the frequency of the inventory of military weapons.

(2) Ensure that a DA Form 3749 has been issued for each POW secured in unit arms rooms.

(3) Establish limits on the quantity and type of privately owned ammunition stored in the arms room, based upon availability of space and safety considerations.

(4) Ensure that inspections are conducted IAW references **b** and **c**.

(5) Process unauthorized AA&E IAW reference **d**.

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(6) Post applicable local regulations and state and local law information on ownership, registration, and possession of firearms and ammunition on unit bulletin boards.

(7) Brief all newly assigned personnel on this policy letter. All personnel will be made aware of changes.

k. The following weapons/accessories are prohibited and will not be brought onto the installation:

(1) Any firearm on which the name of the manufacturer, serial number, or other marks of identification have been changed, altered, removed, or obliterated.

(2) Any weapon not legally obtained through purchase, importation or received as a bona-fide gift.

(3) Any weapon whose possession/use is prohibited by local, state or federal law.

(4) Silencers, incendiary devices, military training ammunition blank or otherwise, armor piercing ammunition, ammunition for weapons of greater than .50-caliber that fires fixed ammunition (other than a shotgun) explosives, crossbows, nun-chucks, throwing stars/discs, blackjacks/saps, and swords (except as provided for below) are prohibited.

(5) Throwing stars/discs and nun-chucks may be stored in the unit arms room, providing the owner can satisfactorily prove to the organization commander that he or she is involved in martial arts training, and is actively progressing in the various levels of training.

l. The following weapons are authorized and need not be registered on Fort Irwin:

(1) Bows and arrows.

(2) Compressed air-powered rifles and handguns.

(3) Trophy weapons that have been rendered permanently inoperative.

(4) Knives, swords, sabers, or military blades devices that are mounted or otherwise used for decorations/display.

(5) Slingshots.

(6) Hunting or fishing knives when possessed or hunting or utilized for hunting or fishing.

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m. The use of authorized non-firearm weapons (i.e. BB guns, slingshots, bow and arrows, etc.) is prohibited in, or within 100 meters of inhabited areas.

n. The carrying of a concealed weapon on the installation, whether or not a concealed carry permit has been obtained, is prohibited. A concealed weapon is any instrument used or designed for the purpose of inflicting grievous bodily harm that is carried on the person in such a way as to be hidden from ordinary view. Folded knives with blades shorter than 3 inches are excluded from this definition. Local, state federal and military law enforcement personnel are excluded from this provision while in a duty status and provided they are authorized to possess a concealed weapon while performing their assigned duties.

o. Authorized POWs may be transported in a vehicle, secured in the trunk compartment. For vehicles without a trunk, firearms will be encased in a locked container other than the glove compartment and carried in such a manner that they will not be readily available to the driver or passengers. The term "locked container" means a secure container which is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, key lock, combination lock, or similar locking device. Commercially-available trigger locks and other security devices are also strongly recommended to deter loss and theft. The route to the destination will be the most direct route. Firearms in transit are required to be unloaded. A completed NTC Form 655 will be carried while the weapon is in transit and will be presented to Installation Access Control Point personnel when entering the installation or to law enforcement personnel upon request. Authorized reasons for transporting weapons include:

- (1) Transfer, sale or repairs.
- (2) Hunting, target shooting.
- (3) Employment as a certified armed security officer or peace officer.
- (4) Authorized sporting events in which the weapon is used in connection with said event.
- (5) Competition or as part of a legitimate display.
- (6) Movement from place of purchase, repair, or acquisition to an authorized storage area.
- (7) Change of physical address.

p. Violations of the provisions of this policy provide a basis for disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for personnel subject to its provisions.

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Military and civilian personnel may also be subject to prosecution through the Magistrate Court System, U.S. District Court, or California judicial system.

5. California Laws with regards to Assault Weapons. Fort Irwin is a concurrent jurisdiction installation which means that both California and Federal laws apply on this installation. The command is obliged to enforce whichever is more stringent. California requires all assault rifles to conform to their definition and function test. In order for active duty military members to have an assault rifle while stationed at Fort Irwin, service members must ensure one of two things happens:

a. The weapon must conform to applicable California laws. This means the weapon must either be purchased already California compliant or be made California compliant prior to being brought into the state.

b. The owner of the weapon, if serving on active duty, may apply for a special permit from the California Department of Justice for active duty service members. This special permit requires an official letter signed by the Garrison Commander. See enclosure 1 to this policy for explanation of documents, fees and process for this application for exception to policy.

6. This policy letter supersedes reference a, however NTC Form 655, Registration of Privately-Owned Weapons, remains in effect. This policy letter will be rescinded upon the next revision to reference a.

7. The proponent for this policy letter is the Director of Emergency Services at 760-380-1258.



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- 1 - Application for a Garrison Commander official letter to retain an assault weapon on Fort Irwin, CA.
- 2 - Sample Letter for Application for a Military Assault Weapon Permit for Active Duty U.S. Military Personnel.
- 3 - California Compliant Assault Weapons Guidelines

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