

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURAL MANUAL

CHAPTER 3

HUNTING REGULATIONS

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3000. AUTHORIZATION TO HUNT. To be eligible to participate in hunting recreation at MCB Quantico, persons must complete the following:

1. Obtain all state and Federal licenses and stamps required for the game to be hunted. The VA license must be obtained prior to purchase of the MCB Quantico hunting license. VA licenses are not sold at the Game Checking Station (GCS); they are available at most sporting goods retailers and online at www.dgif.virginia.gov.
- * 2. Virginia Hunter Education Course. Hunters under the age of 12 must display either a Virginia Apprentice Hunter License (VAHL) or a Virginia Hunter Education Course card/completion certificate in order to obtain a MCB Quantico hunting license. Hunters over the age of 12 must meet VA hunter education requirements necessary to purchase a VA hunting license or else possess a VAHL. VA Hunter Education Courses offerings are listed at www.dgif.virginia.gov. Hunters who possess a VAHL must hunt within arms reach and under the immediate control and direction of the adult escort.
- * 3. MCB Hunter Orientation Safety Class. This class provides instruction concerning base hunting procedures, regulations and safety requirements. The class takes about 45 minutes and is given at the GCS, Building 5-9. Interpretation is not available for non-English speakers. Class times and dates will be published in an annual hunting bulletin. All hunters and non-hunting companions 8 years of age or older must attend the class, except that persons licensed at MCB during the previous hunting license year will not be required to attend unless there have been significant changes to the hunting regulations. The annual hunting bulletin will specify class attendance requirements.
4. Application and Hold Harmless Agreement. All persons who want to participate in hunting recreation must complete the MCB hunting application and hold harmless agreement shown at figure 3-1. This includes individuals who do not hunt (non-hunters). Parents or guardians will complete the hold harmless agreement on the behalf of minors. The falsification of any information in the application may result in the suspension of privileges.
5. Minimum Age Guidelines and Parental Consent Form. Minors (under 18 years of age) who are not active duty military members must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian or an adult (designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian) when hunting. Parents or legal guardians shall complete the parental

consent form at figure 3-2 to authorize another adult (21 years or older) to take their minor child hunting at MCB. The supervising adult must possess a valid VA hunting license and MCB Quantico hunting license.

6. All hunters are responsible for knowing current Federal, state, and MCB hunting regulations.

3001. MARINE CORPS BASE HUNTING LICENSE

1. Hunters must obtain a MCB Quantico hunting license. All hunting licenses will be processed at the GCS and all sales are final. The fee schedule and hours of sales will be published in the annual MCB hunting bulletin.

2. Non-hunters will be issued a certificate of completion of the MCB hunter orientation course in lieu of a license. Non-hunters are typically spouses or children who want to enjoy outdoor recreation with a family member but who do not hunt and do not possess a VA hunting license. Non-hunters may not carry a weapon, call game, or in any way participate in the hunt. They must stay within arms reach and under the direct supervision of their escort.

3. Lost License. Persons who lose their MCB hunting license may request a replacement license. A nominal fee, specified in the annual hunting bulletin, will be charged. Prior to issuance of the replacement license, the GCS operator must verify the original sale. Therefore, an administrative delay of 24 hours maximum may be required prior to issuance of the replacement license.

4. License Color Code. At the time of sales, licenses will be color-coded to facilitate the reservation of daily hunting permits. All licenses will be coded GREEN, BLUE or BROWN, as follows:

a. Licenses issued to active duty Marines, active duty military personnel stationed at this Base or HQMC, and their dependents will be coded GREEN.

* b. Licenses issued to all other persons having valid military identification cards, and retired and current federal civilian employees of MCCDC and MCB Quantico will be coded BLUE.

c. All other licenses will be coded BROWN.

d. Minors who are not active duty military must be checked in by a parent, legal guardian or adult designated in writing.

e. Hunters aged 18-20 may not escort minors.

f. Hunters must provide the Game Checking Station with current data on telephone numbers and vehicles being used on the hunt day.

3002. HUNTING SEASONS AND LIMITS. Annual hunting seasons and limits will be published in the annual MCB hunting bulletin in the 11015 series.

3003. DAILY CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Definitions

a. Check-in. The process of reserving a hunting pass, followed by picking up a daily hunting permit at the Game Checking System.

b. Check-out. The process of notifying the Game Checking Station at the completion of the hunting trip.

c. Daily Hunting Permit. A laminated card or a printed receipt obtained at the Game Checking Station that provides authorization to enter a specific hunting area on a specific day.

2. Authorization to Hunt. Hunters and their companions may not enter a hunting area or waterfowl blind until they have either been issued a daily hunting permit or been checked in as described below.

a. Minors and Non-Hunters. Underage hunter's and non-hunters will not be issued daily hunting permits; they will be checked-in under the daily permit of their adult companion.

b. Waterfowl Blinds. Each waterfowl blind has a maximum capacity of three persons, with the exception of "wounded warrior" blinds which were built larger to accommodate wheelchairs and up to 4 persons. The first hunter to reserve the blind can invite up to two hunting companions to share the blind. Each hunter will be issued a daily hunting permit.

c. Spring Gobbler Season Callers. During the spring gobbler season, hunters who have obtained their season bag limit are authorized to call for other hunters as long as they do not have a weapon in their possession. These individuals will be checked out under the daily permit of the hunter they assist and will not be issued a separate daily permit.

3. Early Reservation Period

a. MCB licensed hunters may attempt to reserve a daily MCB hunting permit on the GCS business day prior to a hunting day per the schedules provided in the annual MCB hunting bulletin. Early

reservations are held until 30 minutes following opening time on the hunting day.

b. Reservations. Hunting reservations will be made in person or by calling 703-784-5523/5329. Callers must give their MCB hunting license number. Reservations must be made during the time period appropriate for the licensed hunter. Consult the annual hunting bulletin for call-in times.

* c. House Guests of Active Duty Military Personnel. An active duty host may complete an information form that provides the name, address, and period of stay of the house guest. That form will be used to temporarily upgrade the house guest into the same check-in category as the host. A bonafide house guest is defined as an out-of-the commuting area (outside a 100 mile radius of the base) visitor whose stay is temporary and non-recurring; e.g., a relative making a holiday visit. Due to space limitations during spring gobbler season, the host can take the house guest along as a "companion" hunter as described at 3003.3.e.

* d. Conservation Volunteer Program (CVP) Card. Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 50 or more hours of service on projects approved by the Head, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch, G-5, during the 12-month period (1 October to 30 September) will receive a CVP card valid for the following fall, winter and spring hunting seasons.

* e. Conservation Volunteer Program Guest (CVPG) Card. Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 100 or more hours, will in addition earn a CVPG card which may be used by the conservation volunteer to make hunting reservations for a hunting partner per the same procedures used for the CVP card. Daily permits reserved by a CVPG card will only be issued to the responsible conservation volunteer to whom the CVPG card belongs. The purpose of the CVPG card is to enhance the opportunity of the volunteer to hunt with a partner; therefore, it is only to be used by a guest who is hunting in the same area with the host volunteer. Occasionally, the host volunteer may be required to leave the base before the hunting day is over. In these cases, the guest hunter may continue to hunt. Due to limited space during spring gobbler season, the guest of a volunteer utilizing their CVPG card will hunt under the same daily pass as the CVP host. This will be known as a "companion" hunt. Both members of the party may carry a weapon but must travel to and from the hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. This is a typical arrangement where one hunter is the primary caller and the other hunter is the primary shooter. Failure to use the CVP card and CVPG card as described may result in forfeiture of the card and termination of the CVP contract.

f. Early Reservation Priority. Approximately 85% percent of daily permits will be reserved for priority issue to active duty military, retired military, MCCDC/MCB employees and qualifying conservation volunteers as designated in the annual hunting bulletin. A minimum of 15 percent of hunting spaces will be allocated to civilian hunters (BROWN).

* g. First-Come First-Served Check-in. On the GCS business day prior to a hunting day, unissued and unreserved daily permits will be issued first-come, first-served, beginning either one hour after hunting ceases or else GCS closing time, whichever occurs first. On the hunting day, all unissued and unreserved permits will be issued first-come first-served. Reserved permits will be held for 30 minutes after GCS opening time; if unclaimed after 30 minutes, the permits will be released on a first-come, first-served basis. Most civilians find the first-come first-served periods the most efficient time to obtain daily hunting permits.

4. Hunters issued a daily permit are authorized to enter only the hunting area specified on the permit on the valid date for the permit.

a. The hunter will be issued 2 passes for the daily permit: the hunting pass must be carried on the hunters' person and the parking pass must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the hunters' vehicle so it is clearly visible. A pass for each hunter in a vehicle must be clearly displayed. Vehicles not displaying parking passes may be towed away at the owner's expense.

b. Hunters will check-out of the hunting areas within one hour after the cessation of legal hunting hours, as listed in the annual MCB Hunting Bulletin. Exceptions: deer hunters assigned to hunting areas 9B, 9C, 13, 14A, 17A, 17B, 17C, and 17 Upshur and waterfowl hunters checked out to a designated blind are allowed one and one half hours after sunset to return to the GCS. Failure to check-out results in a search for the hunter based on the presumption that the hunter is either lost or injured. Failure to return to the Game Checking Station and check-out on time may result in curtailment of hunting privileges.

5. Daily Hunting Permit Quota. During the fall/winter hunting seasons, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily hunting permit per 75 acres of land available for hunting on a given day. During the spring gobbler season, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily permit per 225 acres of available hunting land.

6. Coordination of Assignment to Training Areas

a. Hunters will be assigned only to training areas where there will be no conflicts with other scheduled land use activities. The Head, Range Management Branch (RMB), G-3 (Operations Division) will submit a daily schedule to the Game Checking Station which designates open/closed hunting areas. On hunting days, at approximately one and one-half hour after sunset, the GCS will notify Head, RMB when all hunters have returned. GCS and RMB personnel will be aggressive in their monitoring of area status and will make frequent coordination calls. This will ensure safe, effective, and controlled use of the training areas.

b. Assignment of hunters to training areas 2, 3, and 4 will only be made after written approval has been received from the OCS S-3.

c. Assignment of hunters to Transportation Demonstration Support Area, formerly Engineer Test Area (ETA) and duck blind "C" will only be made after coordination with the Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area.

d. Assignment of hunters to blinds within 400 meters of the Marine Corps Airfield (MCAF) will only be made after coordination with the MCAF Airfield Manager/Operations Officer.

e. Assignment of hunters to the waterfowl hunting blind at Hospital Point will only be done after coordination with the Facilities Manager, MARCORSSCOM, and Head, Family Housing Branch.

7. Access to Scout Hunting Areas

a. West of Interstate 95. Procedures to obtain access into these training areas are published in the annual hunting bulletin.

b. East of Interstate 95

(1) Training Areas 2, 3, and 4. These areas are normally open for hunting on a limited basis and are not open for scouting.

(2) Mainside. Personnel who have completed the Mainside Archery Qualification Class may obtain permission at the GCS to do pre-season scouting in the Mainside hunting area up to the beginning of the archery season.

(3) Engineer Test Area. On days authorized by the Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area, pre-season scouting will be allowed during GCS operating hours prior to the opening of archery season. Passes must be picked up and turned in at the GCS and all parking must be outside the ETA gate.

8. Time Restriction for Arrival at Hunting Areas. Hunters having a valid daily hunting permit may arrive at and enter their assigned training area no sooner than 0400 except for hunters assigned to dove fields during September. Dove field arrival is limited to 1 hour before legal shooting time.

3004. WATERFOWL HUNTING. The following rules apply to all hunting of ducks, geese and swans (waterfowl) at this base.

1. East of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is only permitted from licensed blinds that are maintained and operated by this base for public hunting. West of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is permitted in open hunting areas, except that wildlife food plots where planted grain crops have been mowed or manipulated to attract migratory birds may not be used for waterfowl hunting. Hunting is allowed at Lunga Reservoir and Smith Reservoir only from the designated blinds/stakes shown at figure 3-4. Breckinridge Reservoir is closed to waterfowl hunting. Maps showing the locations of designated public hunting blinds will be provided at the GCS.

2. Hunters in hunting areas west of Interstate 95 may not construct permanent waterfowl hunting blinds but may use temporary brush blinds for concealment. During the deer firearms season, waterfowl hunters who are checked out to general hunting areas must wear blaze orange clothing.

3. Nontoxic shot authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is mandatory for all waterfowl hunting. Lead shot may not be possessed while hunting waterfowl. Shotguns must not be capable of holding more than three shells.

4. Managed hunting blinds have a maximum capacity of three persons. The hunter who reserves a blind may invite up to two other MCB licensed hunters to share the blind but is not required to allow additional persons in the blind. Every person occupying the blind must be checked out at the GCS. Managed waterfowl blinds are for waterfowl hunting only; no other species may be taken while hunting in the blinds. Shooting from boats while in transit to or from the blinds is not allowed. Hunters must have means such as a boat or dog to safely retrieve down or crippled waterfowl.

5. Due to the limited number of waterfowl blinds, a hunter may reserve only one waterfowl blind. Therefore, if a hunter has picked up or reserved a waterfowl blind permit for himself/herself, he/she may not reserve or pick up a separate blind for a friend. Waterfowl hunting blinds are reserved as follows:

a. A calendar will be posted at the GCS prior to the waterfowl hunting season that designates which waterfowl blinds will fulfill the GREEN, BLUE and BROWN permit quotas for each scheduled waterfowl

hunting day. The color designation of the blinds will be rotated daily on a systematic basis. An individual hunter may not reserve the same blind during the early reservation period on two consecutive days. The purpose is to prevent one hunter from having exclusive use of one blind.

b. The call-in times to reserve a waterfowl hunting blind will be published in the annual hunting bulletin.

6. Waterfowl hunters assigned to public hunting blinds must return to the GCS and check-out no more than one and one-half hour after sunset.

7. All stationary waterfowl hunting blinds, to the extent practical, will have an alternate hunting location marked by a designated stake. A hunting party assigned to a blind that has an alternate hunting location will have the choice of hunting at either the permanent blind or at the staked location. A hunting party may not split up and position hunters at both the blind and the stake locations. At the staked location, hunters must stay within 50 feet of the stake and can hunt from a shoreline position or may hunt from the boat. Hunting from a boat that has been altered for the purpose of concealment will require possession of a state floating blind license in addition to the MCB hunting blind daily permit.

8. Waterfowl hunters shall clean blinds after use, ensuring that no litter and spent shells are left behind.

3005. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HUNTING STANDS AND BLINDS. The guest hunting office, GCS, will maintain waterfowl hunting blinds and deer stands that are accessible by wheelchair. All licensed MCB hunters who have mobility challenges will be authorized to reserve these facilities but priority use will be given to military veterans who require use of a wheelchair and to wounded warriors who are recovering from traumatic injuries and need assistance to hunt. Deer hunters in these stands will be authorized to take antlerless deer during any designated deer hunting season. A qualifying hunter is authorized to reserve one of these hunting blinds or stands and, if deer hunting, an adjacent stand for an invited hunting partner/escort of his/her choice by calling 703-432-6774/6776/6777 in advance of the desired hunting date. A hunter may reserve only one hunting date at any given time. Wheelchair hunters must have an able-bodied partner/escort. Other hunters who have needs for access assistance may be authorized to use these blinds and stands on a case by case basis.

3006. SPECIAL REGULATIONS AREAS

1. Archery-Only Areas. Due to noise and safety considerations, some hunting areas will be open only for archery hunting. Crossbows, compound bows and traditional longbows are all considered archery tackle and may be used in these areas. Archery only areas are enrolled in the VA Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). The annual MCB hunting bulletin will specify DMAP, daily and season bag limits in archery hunting areas. Firearms may not be carried at any time or during any season when hunting in these areas. Blaze orange clothing will be required in the archery-only areas during the firearms deer season with the exception of Mainside. Hunters using Mainside parking areas are exempt from the blaze orange requirement. Any legal game species or nuisance species may be taken in archery areas as long as all shots are taken with a downward trajectory from elevated stands where required. Checkout to these areas will be done as described in paragraph 3003, and in addition, the following special provisions shall apply:

a. Mainside Area. The Mainside area is located east of U.S. Highway 1 and north of Chopawamsic Creek as indicated at figure 3-4. This area is developed with housing, recreational, administrative and educational facilities. To help control the large deer population and resulting deer/vehicle collisions, the area was enrolled in the VA DMAP and archery hunting is permitted. Woodlands at Mainside contain numerous trails that are used for multiple activities, including mountain biking, hiking, running and horseback riding. Because there are generally no access controls to these woodlands, hunters must understand that all of these users may be present in the woodlands during hunting hours. Accordingly, it is essential that hunters meet specific qualifications and obey restrictive guidelines to ensure that hunting is conducted safely and with minimal impact upon other woodland uses. Policies and procedures for hunting in the Mainside area are as follows:

(1) In addition to the requirements for hunting at this Base, which are stated in paragraph 3000, hunters will be required to attend a Mainside specific hunting lecture and pass an archery skills test at the GCS archery qualification range. The archery skills test will be administered by GCS personnel and will be open to all MCB licensed hunters. Presentation of completion certificates from certified bow hunting education courses, which include field archery qualifications, may be accepted by the GCS as fulfillment of the archery skills requirements. Times for the Mainside qualification will be announced in the annual MCB hunting bulletin.

(2) Hunters who fulfill requirements for hunting at Mainside will be authorized to reserve daily permits to designated parking areas shown at figure 3-5. Hunters must park only in their assigned parking area. From that parking area, hunters will be allowed to

hunt in any part of the open hunting area adjacent to their assigned parking area so long as the hunter travels on foot and does not enter any "No Hunting" zones. A maximum quota of 1 hunter per 20 acres of hunting space will be allowed.

(3) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands and must put them up and take them down daily. Hunting from the ground is not permitted; hunters are expected to be elevated at least 8 feet off of the ground. Hunters must be in the stand before nocking an arrow.

(4) When a hunter is finished for the day, all harvested deer will be loaded inside the hunter's vehicle and transported directly to the GCS. Handling of game will be done in a manner that avoids offending the non-hunting public and individuals who would prefer not to see dead animals. If a wounded deer leaves the hunting zone, crosses a highway, or enters a residential area, the hunter will immediately notify the GCS and request assistance in retrieving the deer.

(5) Because horseback riders, mountain bikers and joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for these personnel and horses. Hunters will not hunt near trails nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

(6) The map at figure 3-5 shows a minimum 200-meter no hunting, safety zone around developed facilities. This zone will not be marked with signs or paint because there are no roads, trails, or natural features delineating these areas that can be easily posted. Hunters will be responsible for learning the topography of the area in which they intend to hunt and for determining that the placement of their hunting stand is at least 200 meters away from developed areas.

(7) Hunters are encouraged to harvest as many antlerless deer as possible from the Mainside area.

(8) The G-3 (operations Division), dependent schools, and golf course will maintain liaison with the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA Branch, G-5, at 703-432-6776/6774, to advise when special (non-routine) events are occurring that would make it preferable to close hunting in the Mainside area.

(9) The Mainside area will be open for archery hunting as often as possible throughout the entire VA deer season.

(10) Safety is paramount. Any violation of MCB regulations while in the Mainside area will result in the suspension of Mainside hunting privileges for the entire season.

(11) Hunters will only be allowed in Mainside hunting areas while children are at school; therefore, hunting will be allowed only on school days and will cease at 1400. Hunters must ensure that they depart from the hunting area early enough to remove all hunting equipment and deer from the area and return to the GCS no later than 1500.

(12) Personnel who have met all qualifications for hunting in the Mainside area may get permission to do pre-season scouting by obtaining a scouting pass from the GCS. Scouting is allowed from 0800 to 1400 Monday-Friday and hunters must park at a designated Mainside parking area. Scouting passes must be returned to the GCS by 1500.

b. Training Area 5C. MCB #2 borders this training area on the northwest, Beaverdam Run on the north, Smith Lake on the east, and Aquia Creek on the south, as shown at figure 3-4. This area is in close proximity to Camp Barrett that houses TBS. As a result, Smith Lake Road is often utilized for physical fitness training and other activities associated with TBS. The following policies and procedures for archery hunting within this training area are as follows:

(1) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. However, hunters are responsible for the security of their own stands; the government is not liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

(2) Because joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for this activity. Hunters will not hunt closer than 50 meters to any trail nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

(3) Hunters may park along MCB #2, at a designated parking area on MCB #3 south of the Range Management Office, or Smith Lake Road to access this area. All other woodland trails are off-limits to vehicles.

(4) Hunting is prohibited within 200 meters of MCB #2 & 3 and within 100 meters of Smith Lake Road.

c. Training Area 6C. Located adjacent to Quantico National Cemetery. Hunters may park along either route 619 or the open sections of Breckinridge Road. Do not enter the "No Hunting" buffer zone between this base and cemetery property.

* d. Training Area 7C. This area is located next to TBS; hunters should always be alert that Marines are training in adjacent areas. Access is provided at a designated parking area east of the Barrett A gate, at a designated parking area near the Washboard B gate, and along MCB #3 west of LZ #7 and east of the R-3B gate.

e. Training Area 8A and 8B. The boundaries of these areas are shown at figure 3-4. The areas are in close proximity to TBS and the FBI National Academy. Therefore, these areas are used extensively for physical training by military and FBI personnel. Further, the area is adjacent to Murphy Demolition Range, where high explosives are used and tested. Dove hunting may be allowed in LZs Cockatoo and Raven per paragraph 3006.3, and firearms hunting may be authorized for specific wounded warrior hunts per the annual hunting bulletin. Otherwise, the area is restricted to archery tackle.

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(2) Hunters must park along paved roads, MCB #1, MCB #2, MCB #3 or MCB #4, adjacent to open hunting portions of training area 8. Roads and trails leading into the area are **off limits** to vehicular traffic.

(3) Hunting is prohibited within 200 meters of paved roads and developed areas, and within 100 meters of Application Trail. Because joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for this activity. Hunters must position themselves away from woodland trails and must ensure that they do not shoot arrows across any roads or trails. These no hunting zones are not delineated or marked. Hunters are responsible for learning the topography of the area that they intend to hunt and for determining that the placement of their hunting stand is in keeping with these guidelines.

f. Camp Upshur Area. This area is located north of Cedar Run in training area 17B. Archery hunting is permitted in the woodland areas that are at least 200 meters away from paved roads and buildings. The authorized archery hunting area is accessible from the 3 designated parking areas shown at figure 3-6.

g. Engineer Test Area (ETA). This archery area is in the portion of training area 4 now known as the Transportation Demonstration Support Area. The boundaries of this area will be posted with signs, "ETA-Archery Hunting Only." This area is accessible from U.S. Route 1 and County Route 660 near Boswell's.

Corner. All hunters must park in a designated parking area: either adjacent to the ETA gate or in the marked parking area along Telegraph Road. No hunting is permitted within 200 meters of ETA buildings.

h. Training Area 17C. This hunting area is bordered by S.R. 611 and MCB #8. Hunters must note the presence of privately owned homes along the densely vegetated western border of this area and keep a safe distance.

i. Training Areas 2, 3 and 4. Access to these areas is permitted only from the Engineer Road entrance near the correctional facility in the OCS area. Hunters will be assigned to these areas, per the standard hunting procedures set forth in this manual and in the annual MCB hunting bulletin. Hunters are advised that this is a sensitive area, used frequently for OCS training and physical training (particularly jogging) by Base personnel. The OCS S-3 Office schedules the use of training areas 2, 3 and 4, and therefore shall be responsible for determining the days that hunting can be conducted safely. The CO OCS, has final approval to allow hunting in these training areas. OCS will send written notification to the Head, NREA Branch, G-5 concerning dates that hunting has been approved. At 1100 the day prior to an approved hunting day, the GCS will call the OCS S-3 office to verify authorization to release daily hunting permits to these training areas. The evening prior to the commencement of hunting in training area 3 and 4, OCS shall post signs at the entrances to OCS and Engineer Road notifying the public that hunting is in progress and that the trails are closed. OCS will notify PAO about the trail status. Despite the trail closings, hunters are informed to be aware that some joggers may use the area anyway. Hunters will operate vehicles at a safe speed and may only drive on Engineer Road, Buffalo Road and Iwo Jima Trail. Designated hunting areas and appropriate "NO HUNTING" safety zones as shown in figure 3-5 will be posted by the Head, NREA Branch.

2. Dove Hunting Areas. Dove hunting in designated fields may be scheduled for Labor Day weekend and other days as indicated in the annual MCB hunting bulletin or as subsequently posted at the GCS. Numbers of hunters allowed in fields will be controlled by safety quotas established for each specific field based upon the size and shape of the field. Each hunter assigned to a field, regardless of age, will count against the daily quota of passes. Hunters may not switch dove fields during a hunting day without receiving authorization from the GCS. Dove hunters will only use shot sizes 7 1/2, 8, or 9.

3. Russell Road Landfill. This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters in wheelchairs and their hunting partner. They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 3005. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the landfill cover. Hunting will be from designated stands. Other game such as

squirrel, dove, and turkey may be taken during legal seasons. Shotguns and muzzleloading guns per the reference may be used during the designated firearms seasons.

3007. SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. No Hunting Zones. Hunting is not permitted within 200 meters of ammunition and fuel storage areas, built-up areas, rifle and pistol ranges, dwellings or other occupied structures, and designated recreation areas. During the deer firearms season, hunting is prohibited within 200 meters of paved roads. During the other hunting seasons, hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of paved roads.
2. Buddy System. Hunters are encouraged to hunt with a partner; in case one person becomes ill, injured or lost, the other can get help.
3. Mandatory Personal Safety Equipment. All hunters **must** carry a compass, flashlight, and whistle as safety measures to help reduce occurrences of late and lost hunters. It is advised that hunters carry mobile telephones to be able to call for assistance. Communication via mobile telephone will not lessen a hunter's responsibility to return to the GCS on time.
4. Blaze Orange. Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter on MCB property during the firearms deer season will wear a solid blaze orange hat and outer body clothing with at least two square feet of blaze orange visible above the waist and visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange body clothing is acceptable. Portable pop-up style blinds must also be marked with 2 square feet of blaze orange visible from 360 degrees. There are two exemptions from the blaze orange policy. Deer hunters in the Mainside Area and waterfowl hunters in approved blinds or in boats in route to such blinds are not required to wear blaze orange clothing. Duck hunters in route on foot, such as going to and from blind C, must wear blaze orange. Use of blaze orange during all hunting seasons is strongly encouraged.
5. Keeping a Safe Distance. Hunters need to be mindful of each other's presence in the woods. There are two occasions of particular concern. First is the potential hazard of squirrel hunters to shoot upwards into trees where camouflaged archery hunters are sitting motionless in tree stands. Second is the possibility of spring gobbler hunters shooting towards another camouflaged hunter. Archers and spring gobbler hunters are encouraged to mark their hunting locations with blaze orange bands and to whistle or otherwise signal their presence to approaching hunters. Ethical hunters, when notified of the presence of another hunter, will depart the area immediately to avoid interference with the hunter who is already in position to hunt. This separation distance should be at least 200 meters.

6. Transportation of Weapons. Weapons may not be in the front seat of a vehicle, must be encased or broken down, and must be unloaded while being transported in vehicles and must remain in vehicles until hunters are at their assigned hunting location. Weapons and ammunition must be separated during transport. There are two rule exceptions: (1) archery hunters taking the Mainside qualification test at the GCS may carry their archery equipment to the qualification point; and (2) hunters who drive separate vehicles to the GCS parking lot may transfer their equipment into one vehicle if they are going to proceed to a hunting area together.

7. Unexploded Ordnance. All hunting areas may contain unexploded munitions (duds) which are dangerous and must not be removed or disturbed. Hunters should mark the area of such duds with rags or other means and **immediately** report their location to the GCS.

8. Evacuate Hunting Areas. Hunters must immediately leave the assigned hunting area and return to the GCS if:

a. Continuous siren or horn blasts, signaling emergency or unsafe conditions, are heard.

b. There is contact with military personnel engaged in military training exercises within the assigned hunting area. It means that either the hunters or the military personnel are in the wrong area. For safety of all personnel, hunters shall leave the area immediately and report the problem to the GCS. GCS personnel will coordinate with the Head, RMB to determine the cause of the problem. Once the problem has been corrected, the hunter shall either be assigned to another hunting area or will be allowed back into the first assigned area.

3008. TREE STAND USE AND SAFETY GUIDELINES. Permanently installed tree stands are not authorized, with the exception of those installed by NREA Branch for the support of guest and wheelchair accessible hunting programs. Portable stands and temporary installations are permitted. MCB hunters use tree stands at their own risk; the government is neither responsible for accidents and injuries that may occur nor liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. Many hunters enjoy hunting from tree stands because the elevated position gives the hunter a better view of the ground area around the tree stand. Shooting downward from the elevated position is safer than flat trajectory (ground) shots because the projectile will impact closer to the shooting position where the hunter has good visibility. Despite the positive benefits of tree stands, some hunters are injured and killed as a result of accidents resulting from the climbing of trees and improper use of tree stands. To help prevent accidents, hunters shall abide by the following guidelines for the use of tree stands while hunting at this base.

1. In the Mainside area, they must be erected and taken down on a daily basis.
2. In the other hunting areas, the following rules apply:
 - a. Persons wanting to enter a training area for the purpose of installing a tree stand must obtain permission from the GCS prior to entering the training area. On hunting days, persons wanting to install tree stands will checkout a daily hunting permit from the GCS. If the quota of hunters has been reached in an area, no further hunt related access will be allowed for that area.
 - b. Any tree stand left overnight in a MCB hunting area must be marked with the name and telephone number of the owner.
 - c. Tree stands and all attachment hardware must be removed from MCB property no later than 31 January following the close of deer hunting season. No metal objects are to be permanently embedded in trees because damage to chain saws, sawmill blades and equipment operators can occur if saw blades strike steel objects hidden in the timber.
 - d. Tree stands must be inspected prior to each use to ensure that there are no damaged parts or loose handholds or footholds.
 - e. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the assembly and use of the model of tree stand that you use. These instructions must be followed.
 - f. Climbing tree stands equipped with heel and toe straps must not be altered and the straps must be used while climbing.
 - g. The proper use of a safety strap or harness is recommended when hunting from the tree stand and while climbing up and down. A safety harness specifically designed for this purpose and equipped with a safety release mechanism should be used. The distance of slack between one's body and the tree should not exceed 18-24 inches. A safety strap must never be used in a manner where the strap can cinch up around one's body.
3. Do not climb with anything in hand. Use an equipment haul line to raise and lower your **unloaded** gun, archery tackle, or other equipment.

3009. RESTRICTIONS AND FORBIDDEN PRACTICES

1. There will be no hunting on Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and after 1100 on Thanksgiving Day.

2. An authorized adult 21 years of age or older can escort no more than two youth hunters (under the age of 18) or non-hunting companions. The adult must pick-up the daily permit from the GCS. The underage hunters must stay within sight and voice contact and no more than 100 meters away from the adult escort. During spring gobbler season and in designated dove fields, underage hunters must be within arms reach and under the immediate control of the adult escort.
3. Hunting will not commence prior to one-half hour before sunrise and will end not later than sunset. **WEAPONS WILL NOT BE LOADED OUTSIDE OF HUNTING HOURS.** The hours of sunrise and sunset are posted daily at the GCS in the display case outside the GCS.
4. Deer will be hunted only with archery tackle, shotguns loaded with slugs, and muzzle loading rifles .45 caliber or larger.
 - a. Shotguns with barrels having lands and grooves will be allowed at the base for shooting slugs.
 - b. A hunter who has already met the daily or season bag limit on deer may continue to hunt for other in-season game but may not carry slugs, a shotgun loaded with slugs or a muzzle loading rifle.
5. The use of any rifle, revolver, or pistol (except for muzzle-loading rifle as permitted above) is prohibited. This prohibition extends to carrying such weapons on the person or in a vehicle while hunting. No one is allowed to carry a concealed weapon.
6. Buckshot may not be used to hunt any game and may not be possessed on one's person or in one's vehicle while hunting at MCB.
7. During spring gobbler season, organized drives, dogs, or electronic calling devices are prohibited. Shot sizes 6 and 4 are recommended. No shot larger than number 2 will be permitted.
8. Firearms may not be carried when hunting with archery tackle during the **special archery/crossbow seasons** or anytime during regular hunting seasons in the archery only areas. During the regular hunting seasons, a hunter may carry both archery and authorized firearms equipment in areas open to gun hunting and must abide by all rules and regulations affecting gun hunters.
9. It is prohibited to use any type of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, taking, or attempting to take game at anytime during the year.
10. Dogs may not be used for hunting deer and deer dogs may not be trained on the reservation.

11. Trapping of any animal is prohibited, except as duly authorized by a MCB trapping license.
12. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge are prohibited.
13. Hunters may not shoot dogs. Any person shooting or injuring a dog may be subject to civil action under VA Code 3.1-796.127.
14. Organized deer drives are prohibited.
15. Hunters may not use any form of bait or salt to lure or attract game animals.
- *16. Shooting or harming any protected wildlife species is forbidden.
- *17. Target shooting is prohibited in MCB training areas. Target shooting and sighting in must be done at designated shooting ranges. Contact the Quantico Shooting Club for information at 703-640-6336 or else use off-base facilities.
18. Any hunter that uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs in MCB training areas is subject to loss of hunting privileges and prosecution under Federal or state law. This prohibition extends to carrying alcohol or illegal drugs in a vehicle while officially checked in to hunt.

3010. MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION. The following regulations apply to the operation of motor vehicles. Violations of these provisions are subject to prosecution.

1. Motorcycles, including mopeds and three- and four-wheeler All Terrain Vehicles, may not be used while hunting. Self-propelled non-motorized bicycles may be used for transportation on trails authorized for foot travel.
2. Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. The only exception is for guest hunting coordinators, guests and wheelchair hunters in designated guest hunting areas. Vehicles may only be operated on paved and graveled roads open to normal vehicular travel as shown on the MCB hunting map available at the GCS. These roads are subject to being closed for military training exercises, inclement weather, etc. At no time are hunters permitted to drive around closed range gates. Violators are subject to prosecution.
3. Hunters operate vehicles at their own risk and are solely responsible for any towage fees they may incur. They must inform the GCS as soon as possible in the event their vehicle breaks down or becomes immovable.

4. Vehicles may not be parked in a manner to restrict the operation of range gates or block access to any road or trail. Vehicles must be parked completely off of paved road surfaces. These vehicles may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

5. Hunters must park adjacent to their assigned open hunting area so that they can access their assigned area without trespassing through any other training areas. There are three exceptions. Hunters may park at the intersection of route 617 and MCB 6 for access to training area 10C. Hunters may walk route 617 to access 10C but may not enter training areas 10A or 11A while in route. Hunters may park at the intersection of route 610 and 644 to access training area 9D; hunters may walk route 644 to access 9D but may not enter training areas 7A or 9C while in route. Hunters may park in 7C adjacent to the Washboard B Gate and walk down Washboard Road to access 7B.

6. Hunters shall not park in or adjacent to restricted "No Hunting" zones.

7. Hunters may not park in the Commercial Vehicle Inspection lot (former hunter parking lot), except during posted hours that the CVI is closed and hunter parking is allowed. Privately owned vehicles found in the CVI are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

8. Game wardens will use discretion in determining if a vehicle is reasonably parked in the proper area; road shoulder conditions, etc., may require a hunter to park on the other side of the road from the assigned hunting area.

3011. REPORTS

1. Upon killing a deer, bear, or turkey, the hunter must immediately notch the appropriate tab on the big game license before moving the animal from the place of kill. That hunter must then take the game to the MCB GCS where an official VA Game Check Card will be issued. Note: A hunter who has taken a DMAP deer does not have to notch his/her license. The hunter has permission to transport the deer to the GCS where an attendant will attach a DMAP tab to the VA Game Check Card. The GCS will provide special reporting instructions if wounded game cannot be recovered during normal GCS working hours.

2. All animals taken at this base, to include small game, waterfowl, furbearers and nuisance species must be reported at the GCS when checking out at the end of a hunt; failure to do so may result in the curtailment of MCB hunting privileges. Neckband or leg band numbers from all tagged or marked animals or birds must be reported. The removal of unreported game from the base may result in forfeiture of base privileges.

3012. VIOLATIONS. Violators of hunting regulations, safety regulations, or principles of good sportsmanship are subject to administrative curtailment of hunting privileges and criminal judicial proceedings in state or Federal court. Recommended penalties for routine violations are listed in chapter 6. Base game wardens have discretionary authority to increase or decrease these penalties based on the circumstances of the violation. This is a lawful general order and applies to military members without further implementation. Violations may result in prosecution under the UCMJ as well as adverse administrative action authorized by the United States Code or Federal Regulations.

3013. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The AC/S G-5 will authorize the closure of hunting season when necessary to limit the take in consonance with good conservation practices, protect public safety, or allow for special operations such as snow removal.
2. Hunters are encouraged to lock their vehicles while hunting. MCB is not responsible for damages, theft, or injuries done to one's person or property while aboard the installation. Individuals **HUNT AT THEIR OWN RISK!** Any damage, theft, or injury done to property or person should be reported to the military police at 703-784-2251 or to the game warden at 703-432-6793/6794/6795.
3. Guest Hunting. Official command guests may be assigned to hunting areas per the instructions provided at appendix A. Guests assigned to hunt in a training area, such as 11A/B, in which a portion of the surface area is impinged upon by a Surface Danger Zone (SDZ), will initially be accompanied and instructed by either an NREA staff member or a guest hunting coordinator who has been appointed per appendix B. Per MCO P3570.1 and MCBO P1500.1, no personnel at any time may enter an active SDZ.
4. Vehicle Collisions With Wild Animals. Operators of motor vehicles must notify the military Police at 703-784-2251 in cases of collision with wild animals where either property damage occurs or a deer, bear, turkey or bald eagle is injured or killed. The operator of a privately owned vehicle may be given custody of dead game animals. In cases involving government owned vehicles, or where the operator refuses custody, the animal will be taken to the Game Warden Office, Building 5-9, for disposition. Only game warden personnel are authorized to give custody of dead game animals to motor vehicle operators or to otherwise dispose of injured or dead game animals. MCB organizations may send written requests to the CG MCB (B 046) requesting venison for use at organizational parties. The U.S. Government bears no responsibility for problems associated with the preparation, serving, and consuming of such food sources. Requesters will be required to acknowledge this caveat on their request.

Organizational commanders are hereby notified that venison provided for organizational parties cannot be either offered for sale or transported from MCB property.

5. Hunting With Dogs

a. It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt or track deer on the base. Any hunter or member of a party of hunters who kills a deer while hunting with dogs will be subject to the loss of MCB hunting privileges.

b. Dogs may be used to hunt fall turkey, dove, rabbit, woodcock, squirrel, and waterfowl in any open hunting area, except as follows. On deer either-sex hunting days during the firearms season, dogs may not be used for hunting in training areas open to deer hunting. Every effort will be made to have some areas, which are closed to deer hunting, open exclusively for turkey and upland game hunting with dogs. Upland game hunters are advised to equip their dogs with blaze orange collars and bells to help identify the dogs as hunting dogs.

c. On the day of the hunt, hunters using dogs to hunt small game or wild turkey may reserve up to two hunting areas when space is available.

6. Training Hunting Dogs. From 1 September through 31 March, inclusive, MCB licensed hunters may train personally owned dogs on rabbits and non-migratory game birds. They will follow the procedures in the annual hunt bulletin for checking-in and out of hunting areas. The use of blank pistols or other noise making devices is authorized. Trainers may not use live pen-reared birds for dog training unless the birds are shackled to prevent escape and the Game Warden Office has been notified in advance 703-432-6793/6794/6795. Pen-reared game may not be released upon MCB property.

7. Wounded Game Policy. Hunters will make every effort to recover wounded game. If wounded game crosses into another training area, the hunter must contact the GCS to seek authorization to access the training area.

a. Same Day Recovery

(1) A hunter who has a harvested bear or deer in their possession by sunset, or by 1700 during deer firearms season, but is deep in a training area and doubts that they can return to the CGS on time, may contact the GCS by cell phone to request permission to be late. The GCS will establish a reasonable return deadline depending upon the location of the hunter.

(2) A hunter who has not recovered wounded game by the end of legal hunting hours shall return to the GCS to check-out on time. The hunter may then request permission to go back to the training area to track the game. The GCS may grant permission if the following conditions are true: a good blood trail has been located and marked; weather conditions are not hazardous and are suitable for tracking game; the hunter has a buddy (no one goes out alone after dark); the hunter has adequate flashlights or lanterns; and the game trail is still in an area open to public access. The GCS will provide the hunter with instructions on how to check-out after the search and how to report found game.

b. Next Day Recovery. A hunter who is unable to recover wounded game on the day of hunting may request permission to track and recover the game on the following day. If the requested area is open, the GCS will provide authorization for entry into the area. If tracking is to occur on a non-hunting day (such as Sunday), the request for tracking must be made at the GCS on the preceding hunting day. The GCS operator will provide the hunter with instructions for recovering and reporting the animal.

8. Refrigeration Policy. The outdoor refrigeration locker located at the GCS is available for temporary use by Quantico hunters. Permission to store game in the locker will be granted or denied by the Game Warden, NREA Branch, based upon the availability of space. Game stored must be removed within 48 hours, or sooner upon request of the game warden. A VA Game Check Card must be attached to all stored game. The government is not responsible for loss of meat due to theft or spoilage. Failure to remove game on time is punishable by forfeiture of game and suspension of hunting privileges, unless prior arrangements have been made due to an emergency.

9. Skinning Shed Policy. The outdoor skinning shed at the GCS is available for use by Quantico hunters during GCS operating hours. Anyone wanting to use the area must ask for permission at the GCS. The GCS operator will hold the hunter's MCB license while the hunter uses the skinning shed. The GCS will provide a hose with running water (weather permitting), trashcans and liners. The hunter is responsible for thoroughly cleaning the work area when he/she is finished. This includes transporting the trash bag to a dumpster and rinsing all work surfaces and the trash can.

10. Lead hazard. Exposure of humans and wildlife to lead ingested from harvested animals has been documented and is a growing environmental and health concern. Hunters are encouraged to utilize non-lead ammunition when feasible.