



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY GARRISON, FORT A.P. HILL  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy Letter #19: Possessing, Transporting, Firing, and Storing Privately Owned Weapons (POW)

1. Applicability. This policy applies to all personnel physically present at Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH), Virginia.
2. Proponent. Directorate of Emergency Services.
3. References.
  - a. Army Regulation 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 15 November 2006.
  - b. Fort A.P. Hill Regulation 200-10, Installation Hunting, 1 September 2011.
4. Purpose. To provide guidance and policies for possessing, transporting, firing, and storing Privately Owned Weapons (POW) on the Installation.
5. General.
  - a. The following are considered weapons: Rifles, shotguns, muzzle loaders, pistols, revolvers, or other weapons designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind by action of an explosion of any combustible material; air or CO2 rifles or pistols (BB/pellet guns), bows (to include long, re-curve, compound, cam, or crossbows); slingshots; any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, machete, razor, slingshot, spring stick, metal knucks, or blackjack; any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain; any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart; or any weapon of like kind.
  - b. Lawful possession is defined as the approved possession of a registered weapon, not classified as illegal by state or federal law, while in quarters, while hunting or sports shooting;

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during transportation related to relocation or initial introduction onto the Installation; or for some type of recognized function involving that particular weapon.

c. Concealed Weapons. No person, including Law Enforcement personnel, shall carry a weapon concealed on his or her person or in his or her vehicle at any time on the Installation unless approved in writing by the Garrison Commander.

6. Possessing and Storing POWs/Ammunition. Possessing/storing POWs and ammunition on FAPH is not a right, but a privilege. If it is determined that reasonable security or safety precautions of this policy are not adhered to, this will trigger immediate revocation of this privilege to violators.

a. All personnel will register their POW at the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) prior to introducing the weapon(s) on to the Installation. The PMO is located in building 156, 804-633-8888. When registering your POW, do NOT bring it to the PMO. POWs must be registered with the PMO PRIOR to bringing them onto the Installation.

b. All personnel assigned to family or unaccompanied personnel housing on FAPH and owning or possessing POWs must submit, IN WRITING, a request to store POWs/ammunition in family or unaccompanied personnel housing through their respective supervisor to the Director of Emergency Services for consideration. The request will include the following:

- (1) Date the weapon was registered with the PMO.
- (2) Weapon make.
- (3) Weapon model.
- (4) Weapon caliber.
- (5) Weapon serial number.
- (6) Quantity and type of ammunition.

c. All personnel maintaining POWs in family or unaccompanied personnel housing are responsible for adequate security for these weapons. The theft or loss of any privately owned weapon will be reported immediately to the FAPH Police.

7. Transporting POWs/Ammunition.

a. Transporting or carrying POWs/ammunition on the Installation is prohibited except for authorized personnel traveling to/from activities sanctioned by the Garrison Commander involving that particular weapon (primarily hunting or sports shooting activities). No weapon

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will be transported in glove compartments, under seats, or in any other concealed manner (except in the trunk of the vehicle).

(1) Soldiers and Federal civilian employees assigned to, or employed by, USAG Fort A.P. Hill may transport and store properly registered POWs/ammunition onto the Installation in their privately owned vehicle for up to 24-hours prior to an activity sanctioned by the Garrison Commander.

(2) U.S. Government owned weapons will not be transported in privately owned vehicles; with the exception of marksmanship weapons IAW AR 190-11, para 7-12.

b. Personnel transporting POWs/ammunition will ensure the weapon is unloaded. No weapon will be transported in a loaded configuration. A loaded configuration is described as rounds loaded in a magazine with the magazine inserted in the weapon for magazine-fed weapons, rounds loaded in the cylinder of revolvers, percussion caps or primer inserted in the breech plug or nipple of a muzzleloader, or a round chambered in a single shot weapon.

c. All weapons are prohibited in AAFES and MWR facilities.

8. Firing or Discharging POWs. Individuals desiring to fire POWs on FAPH will follow the guidance outlined in reference 3.b. of this policy.

a. No POW will be fired, discharged, or used within the limits of any cantonment area.

b. No POW will be fired, discharged, or used within 200 meters (219 yards) of a training area building, ammunition or fuel storage area, active airfield, posted "no hunting" area, built-up area, dwelling or other occupied structure, or roadway. In addition, no POW will be fired, discharged, or used within 381 meters of the Ammunition Supply Point. During all hunting seasons, hunting is prohibited within 100 meters (109 yards) of paved roads. Handicapped hunters may be issued a special pass that enables them to hunt from the roadside. Firing across paved or gravel road is always prohibited.

9. Other situations involving weapons and/or ammunition on the Installation not specifically addressed in this policy will be subject to applicable Federal or State law.

10. Personnel found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to administrative and/or legal actions and could lose their privilege to carry or store privately owned weapons or ammunition on the Installation.

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11. Point of contact for this policy is the Director of Emergency Services, (804) 633-8888.



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