

**FGGM Regulation 190-2**

**Installation**

**PROTESTS, PICKETING,  
AND OTHER SIMILAR  
DEMONSTRATIONS**

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**History.** This is a new regulation.

**Summary.** This regulation establishes policies and procedures for protests, picketing, political speech and other similar demonstrations on the Fort George G. Meade (FGGM) Installation.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to the FGGM Installation.

**Proponent.** The proponent of this regulation is the Director, Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort George G. Meade, MD.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command

and local forms are prohibited without prior approval of the Director, Directorate of Emergency Services, 6619 Mapes Road, Suite 5045, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5045.

**Suggested improvements.** Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommend Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Director, Directorate of Emergency Services, 6619 Mapes Road, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5045.

**Distribution.** This regulation is available in electronic media at the Fort Meade intranet site.

**1. Purpose.** This regulation establishes policies, responsibilities, and procedures for protests, picketing, political speeches and other similar demonstrations on Fort George G. Meade (FGGM). To maintain law and order and protect the installation and the activities thereon, the Installation Commander may take such actions as are reasonably necessary and lawful, including ejection from, or denial of access to, the installation of those who threaten a civil disturbance upon or directed against the installation and its activities.

**2. Policy.**

a. It is FGGM policy that:

(1) The Installation Commander shall safeguard the security of the installation.

(2) Service members' rights of expression should be preserved to the maximum extent possible, consistent with good order and discipline and the national security.

(3) The Installation Commander should respond to conduct that could harm the effectiveness of the mission or operations at FGGM.

b. FGGM is a non-public forum and is open to the public only under certain limited circumstances. FGGM is a military installation under exclusive and concurrent federal jurisdiction at which official business of the federal government is conducted, including military training, and other official business.

c. On the FGGM Installation:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to engage in activities that promote supremacist or extremist causes and rallies.

(2) It is prohibited for any person to attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin; or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

d. Except for activities authorized under Title 5 United States Code (USC), Chapter 71, Labor Management Relations, on FGGM it is unlawful for any person to engage in any public protests, picketing or any other similar demonstration without the prior approval of the Installation Commander. Therefore, unless prior approval has been obtained as outlined in paragraph 2(g) below, it will be unlawful for any person on the FGGM Installation to:

(1) Display symbols and other printed materials likely to arouse anger, alarm, or resentment.

(2) Engage in protests, public speeches, marches, sit-ins, political displays, or demonstrations.

(3) Interrupt or disturb any activity or event, including but not limited to: meals, training, formations, ceremonies, parades, reviews, classes, courts-martial, hearings, athletic contests, clinics or camps, performances, competitions, speeches, or other military business.

(4) Obstruct movement on any street, road, sidewalk, pathway, or other vehicle or pedestrian thoroughfare.

(5) Utter to any person abusive, profane, indecent, or otherwise provocative language that by its very utterance tends to excite a breach of the peace.

(6) Distribute or post publications, including pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, handbills, flyers, leaflets, and other printed materials, except through regularly established and approved distribution outlets and places.

(7) Circulate petitions or engage in picketing or similar demonstrations for any purpose.

(8) Engage in partisan political campaigning or electioneering.

(9) Photograph security or visitor control access points; personnel and equipment; utility infrastructure and equipment; and National Security Agency facilities and equipment. The taking of photographs includes the use of television cameras, video taping equipment, and still or motion picture cameras.

(10) Disobey a request from government law enforcement or security officials (e.g., Federal, State, or local law enforcement officials), Military Police, DA Civilian Police, access control personnel, security guards, or other competent authority to cease an unlawful activity, disperse, move along, or leave the installation.

e. Minor and inconsequential public displays that do not coerce, present a hazard, or cause interference may be permissible so long as they do not disrupt the normal functioning of FGGM (e.g., displaying a bumper sticker on an automobile).

f. In appropriate cases, the Installation Commander of FGGM may give express written permission for demonstrations or activity on the FGGM Installation property outside the gates adjacent to the installation borders, only if the procedures outlined below are followed.

g. Any person or persons desiring to protest, picket, or engage in any other similar demonstrations on FGGM must submit a written request through the Director of Emergency Services and the office of the Staff Judge Advocate to the Installation Commander. The request must be received at least thirty calendar days prior to the proposed demonstration or activity, and it must include the following:

(1) Name, address and telephone number of the sponsoring person or organization. (If the requestor is an organization, include the name of the point of contact.)

(2) Purpose of the event.

(3) Number of people expected to attend.

(4) Proposed date, time, location and duration of the event.

(5) Proposed means of transportation to and from FGGM.

(6) Proposed means of providing security, sanitary services and related ancillary services to the participants.

h. Based on the Installation Commander's concerns for discipline, mission accomplishment, protection of property, and the safeguarding of the health, morale, and welfare of the FGGM community, the Installation Commander will determine whether to grant the request and, if granted, any limitations as to where and when it will take place.

### 3. Violations.

a. A person is in violation of this regulation if that person enters upon or remains upon the FGGM Installation for the purpose of, engaging in any activity prohibited or limited by this regulation, when that person is not authorized by the Installation Commander pursuant to the provisions above.

b. All persons may be prosecuted for violating the provisions of this regulation under Title 18 USC 1382. Military personnel may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Department of the Army civilian employees may also be subject to disciplinary action under appropriate regulations. (MRB, SJA)

c. Administrative sanctions may include, but are not limited to bar actions including suspension of access privileges, or permanent exclusion from the FGGM Installation. Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.