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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

# FORT LEE POLICY NO: 14-12

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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Wildlife Management Hunting Policy

1. References. Related publications and prescribed forms are listed in Appendix A.

2. Background. This policy sets responsibilities and procedures for the Fort Lee recreational hunting program in support of the Fort Lee wildlife management mission. It applies to all personnel on Fort Lee, VA.

3. State and Federal Laws. All persons participating in the hunting program on the installation shall comply with state and federal fish and game laws, and all Army and Fort Lee regulations. They will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies. Violators of this policy will be referred to the U.S. Magistrate or appropriate state authorities for disposition.

4. Boundary Definition. Fort Lee is broken down into one minor and two main hunting areas as described below:

a. The Range complex is defined as the area north of Temple Avenue (Route 144), east/southeast of River Road, and west of Interstate 295.

b. Cantonment area is defined as the main post area and the Ordnance Campus, the area south of Route 144.

c. There is a satellite parcel of 52 acres that lies east of I-295, across from the Range complex, which is accessible to deer hunters via private land access.

5. Enforcement. The Garrison Commander has delegated law enforcement authority to Fort Lee's Provost Marshal Office (PMO). They will protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, protect the hunting community, protect installation property and facilities, and ensure the safety of the public to the fullest degree possible.

6. Violations.

a. Violators of federal and state game laws shall be subject to prosecution before the U.S. Magistrate and/or the appropriate state court. Actions taken under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or the U.S. Magistrate may be in addition to administrative suspension or revocation of hunting privileges.

b. The Garrison Commander retains the authority to suspend or revoke hunting privileges on Fort Lee. Fort Lee wildlife enforcement personnel have the authority to temporarily suspend hunting privileges for up to 14 days. Reports of violations will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for appropriate action. Personnel will be officially notified of long-term suspension or revocation of privileges by letter from the Garrison Commander's office.

7. Unlawful Conduct While using Hunting Facilities.

a. It is unlawful to hunt while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotic drugs.
 Violation will result in revocation of hunting privileges.

b. It is unlawful to disrupt operations at the Outdoor Recreation office and wildlife check stations or interfere with any other individual using these facilities.

8. License Requirements. All personnel, including Family members who hunt, must obtain a Fort Lee permit and meet the additional requirements listed below before they may hunt on the installation.

a. Fort Lee Permit. All hunters must have a valid Fort Lee permit in their possession while hunting. Annual permits may be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation office in building 15014 during normal business hours. The office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; the office is closed on Sundays and holidays. For more information, call (804) 765-2212. Hunters must meet the following requirements to obtain a Fort Lee permit and hunt on Fort Lee:

(1) Have a valid Virginia state hunting license and appropriate tags.

(2) Attend and pass a Virginia State hunter education course, or a similar course, given by any other state.

(3) Attend the Fort Lee post hunting safety briefing each year.

(4) Pass an annual proficiency test for each weapon type they plan to use prior to being issued a post permit. Qualifications will be good for one year. Family Morale Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) fees are the responsibility of the hunter.

b. Additional Requirements.

(1) All hunters who are issued post permits will be required to sign a statement (sample at appendix C) releasing the U.S. government and all in authority from responsibility for any injuries resulting from duds (unexploded ordnance), mines, barbed wire, falling into craters, or any other injury resulting from hazards incident to hunting on the installation.

(2) The loan or transfer of hunting permits is prohibited.

(3) An adult must accompany any authorized hunters under the age of 16.

(4) All hunters will have an appropriate license, installation permit, and identification in their possession while hunting and display them upon request to any person authorized to enforce the laws and regulations referred to or prescribed in this policy.

9. Days open to hunting. Authorized hunting days and hours will be posted at the FMWR Outdoor Recreation Center. Sunday hunting is not authorized.

a. There are two types of hunting days scheduled on Fort Lee. They are classified as recreational hunting days (RHDs) and wildlife management days (WMDs).

(1) Recreational hunting days. RHDs are regular hunting days that pertain to all hunting seasons and all game species. A routine request made to occupy a training area for hunting is noted as an RHD.

(2) Wildlife management days. WMDs are specific to deer hunting and represent days specifically scheduled on the range complex during deer pre-rut and rut times, when deer harvesting opportunity is maximized. These days normally occur over a three-week period, coinciding with the end of archery-only season and the beginning of VA state muzzleloader season (late October through mid-November), and are the optimum hunting times when both deer herd management and hunters' goals can be met.

10. Scheduling Hunting Days.

a. FMWR schedules RHDs through the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS). They are requested within a 30-day window of opportunity, and are afforded no special conditions when competing with training requirements. Only training areas that directly support hunting must be scheduled through DPTMS. RHDs may be bumped for training scheduled prior to the 14-day reservation date. When a valid training requirement materializes within the 14-day hunting window, it must be adequately justified by the unit chain of command and can then be approved by DPTMS. Additionally, DPTMS may approve a valid training request that is properly justified by a customer and close down hunting in specific training areas in support of training for that day. b. FMWR schedules WMDs through DPTMS in consultation with the Environmental Management Office (EMO) and coordination and recommendations from the hunting community. There are a maximum of 21 dedicated WMDs authorized each deer season. These days must be scheduled as early as possible each year in order to reserve the referenced hunting days and avoid training conflicts. To better support training, these days do not need to be scheduled consecutively, but every attempt will be made to reserve as many days as possible within the three-week optimum window. Training requests submitted by a unit that conflict with the days already requested for WMD will only be approved after all efforts have been made to reschedule any conflicting training requests. Training can bump WMDs only after all of the following conditions have been met:

(1) Efforts to reschedule training have failed;

(2) Valid written justification for late scheduling of a training area and approval through unit's chain of command has been received; and

(3) The Garrison Commander made the decision to override a scheduled WMD.

11. General Hunting Regulations.

a. Hunter Control. Hunting areas are filled on a first-come, first-served basis at the discretion of the Outdoor Recreation office. The Outdoor Recreation office will coordinate with DPTMS Range Control to determine the availability of areas. Areas opened or closed for hunting will be announced by posting the information at the hunting center.

(1) In order to promote safety and accountability of personnel, everyone must sign out before entering an open hunting area. Each individual will personally sign out/in on the appropriate sign-out sheets. Authorized Family member hunters under the age of 16 will be signed out/in for hunting on the same sign-out line as their parent or guardian.

(2) Fall turkey hunting in the range complex may be conducted with shotguns while roaming, including when the season overlaps with deer muzzleloader season. A deer hunter with a muzzleloader rifle may harvest a turkey that comes within range from their stand, but they may not roam while hunting with a muzzleloader.

(3) Hunters must annotate on the sign-out sheet what species they are hunting, if other than deer.

(4) Hunters are prohibited from signing out for more than one area or stand at the same time.

(5) Vehicle control cards showing assigned hunting area/stand will be provided at time of sign out and displayed in the vehicle window when parked. Vehicle control

cards will be turned in at the end of each hunt. Vehicle control cards are required during scouting and all hunting seasons. The Garrison Commander can grant an exception to the above sign-out policy during organized hunts.

(6) Sign out/sign in will be done in person at the FMWR Outdoor Recreation office for any areas that are open for hunting on Fort Lee. Forms not completely filled out constitute a failure to sign out/in. Telephone calls are not acceptable. The first violation will result in a written warning. The second violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The third violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(7) Accounting for hunters not signed In. All hunters must return to FMWR Outdoor Recreation office and sign in no later than one hour after legal shooting hours. If a hunter has not signed in by closing time, FMWR will attempt to contact the individual by telephone. If the hunter does not answer, FMWR will conduct a physical search of the hunting area and request assistance, if needed. After the hunter is accounted for, he or she can then sign back out and recover a wounded animal.

(8) Hunting for deer must be conducted from an approved tower stand or a tree stand elevated to a minimum height of 10 ft. Safety belts/harnesses must be used on all elevated tree stands.

(9) Tree stands may be deployed and left in a tree only for the duration of the hunter's request for that hunting area. Stands must be removed when signed-out hunting period expires.

(10) Scouting in advance of hunting season is prohibited on Fort Lee.

(11) No person shall bring any animal on the installation except as authorized by state, federal, Army, and/or installation regulations. No person shall kill or cripple any animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal. No person shall leave an assigned area to retrieve a crippled animal. The FMWR Outdoor Recreation office or the Game Warden should be contacted for assistance. Hunters must report all crippled animals to FMWR Outdoor Recreation office personnel or the Game Warden.

b. Manner of Taking.

(1) All game harvested will be taken to FMWR Outdoor Recreation office for applicable recording and the collection of biological data in the case of deer. Deer and turkey harvested will be tagged before removing them from the kill site.

(2) Possession of live animals. Every game animal wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be killed immediately and become a part of the daily bag. No person shall at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live game animals taken under authority of this policy.

(3) State and federal seasons and bag limits on migratory game birds and small game are adopted as installation regulations.

c. Prohibited activities. The following prohibited activities may also be subject to applicable state or federal penalties.

(1) Entering any "restricted" zone marked and designated as restricted on the master-hunting map located at FMWR Outdoor Recreation Center. The first violation will result in a written warning. The second violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The third violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(2) Hunting or discharging any firearm within 100 yards of the centerline of a named roadway, of any hardtop roads on the range complex, or within 100 yards of a housing area or occupied building. The first violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The second violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(3) Driving a motorized vehicle on firebreaks for hunting or locating game. Firebreaks will be used for the sole purpose of walking to and from the individual hunter's hunting area. Hunters will make an effort to enter and leave the hunting area as quickly and quietly as possible so they do not disturb other hunters in the area. The first violation will result in a written warning. The second violation will result in a oneweek suspension of hunting privileges. The third violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(4) Mutilating any bird or animal to obscure the sex or age of the carcass. Violation will result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(5) Taking game birds or game animals by baiting. Violation will result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(6) Using any electronic or recorded devices except in compliance with state law. The first violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The second violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(7) Erecting any tree stand or platform by attaching nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on the installation for the purpose of hunting. This prohibition does not apply to lag screw steps or portable stands that can be removed after use with no metal left in or attached to the tree. The first violation will result in a written warning. The second violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The third violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(8) Directing the rays of a spotlight, other artificial light, or automotive headlights for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal within the boundaries of the

installation or along rights-of-way for public or private roads within the installation. The first violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The second violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(9) Transporting a loaded weapon in a vehicle. A loaded weapon is one that contains ammunition in the chamber and/or magazine. Muzzleloaders can have a round in the chamber, but the firing cap must be removed or the powder removed from the flash pan. The first violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The second violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

(10) Using or possessing any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs while using the hunting facilities, including the sign-out/sign-in lines, wildlife check stations, and hunting areas. The first violation will result in revocation of hunting privileges on Fort Lee.

(11) Hunting deer from the ground is prohibited. This violation will result in permanent revocation of hunting privileges on Fort Lee.

d. Additional Fort Lee regulations.

(1) All game will be brought to the FMWR Outdoor Recreation office for applicable reporting or tagging. Deer killed on Fort Lee will be tagged in accordance with Virginia hunting regulations.

(2) Large Game, Deer Only. State-established limits on game animals include animals taken on Fort Lee and elsewhere in Virginia. The total bag includes the various seasons, i.e., bow and arrow, muzzleloader, and firearms. All deer taken within the installation boundaries must be reported to the FMWR Outdoor Recreation office personnel. The first violation will result in a written warning. The second violation will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The third violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

e. Deer Hunting Areas. Deer hunting areas, authorized weapons, and hunter density for various areas will be designated by FMWR in conjunction with a review by the Safety Office and DPTMS (for primary training areas), and concurrence by the hunting council. All hunting areas and stands will be subject to annual review as directed by the hunting council. Hunting Maps will be generated by the Environmental Management Office of DPW and made available each year showing all current hunting areas, stands, and parking areas.

f. Hunters must park in designated parking areas associated with each hunting area. Failure to do so could result in suspension, or revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

g. Archery Hunting. Archers may hunt in any area open to hunting. Some areas may be designated exclusively for bow hunting.

h. General Firearms Deer Season. Stalking is not permitted on Fort Lee. All hunting will be done from tree stands. Hunters using shotguns or muzzleloaders in the cantonment area (if allowed) must hunt from designated stand sites. Hunting is permitted only in those areas posted as open at the FMWR Outdoor Recreation Center. Hunting is prohibited in all areas that are occupied or being used for training. Firearm hunters observing any troop activity within an area in which they are hunting will cease hunting and report the activity to FMWR.

i. Firearms Deer Season, Either Sex. Either-sex deer hunting with firearms authorized for hunting is permitted in accordance with state law. Special Fort Lee regulations are included in Appendix D.

j. Drive Hunting is Prohibited Unless Specifically Authorized by the Garrison Commander. Any authorized drives will be planned and scheduled at least 30 days in advance.

k. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.

I. Turkey hunting is authorized in accordance with state law.

m. Dogs may be utilized for all authorized waterfowl hunting areas, but only outside of general firearms season.

12. Weapons and Ammunition. The first violation of the provisions in this section will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The second violation may result in revocation of Fort Lee hunting privileges.

a. Unauthorized Weapons and Ammunition. Hunters may not use the following weapons and ammunition while hunting or traveling to or from hunting site:

(1) Lead shotgun shells while hunting migratory waterfowl.

(2) Pistols.

(3) Revolvers.

(4) Rifles, except muzzleloader rifles.

b. Authorized Weapons and Ammunition for Deer Hunting:

(1) Shotguns 20 through 10 gauges, buckshot and slugs. Slugs may be used only from stands already approved for use by muzzleloader rifles or muskets. Only nonsabot slugs will be allowed for use on Fort Lee. Hunters must qualify their weapon using only allowed ammunition types. (2) Bows capable of propelling a nonpoisonous and nonexplosive broad head arrow at least 125 yards. Arrowhead widths must be at least 7/8-inch wide or expand upon impact to 7/8 inch.

(3) Muzzleloader rifles or muskets, .45 caliber and larger, firing a single bullet. Modern in-line muzzleloaders and scopes are also authorized.

(4) Crossbows, in accordance Virginia game laws.

c. Authorized weapons and ammunition for small game:

(1) Shotguns .410 through 10 gauges. However, lead shotguns are prohibited for waterfowl hunting. The use of centerfire and rimfire rifles is prohibited on Fort Lee. Shotguns with shot no larger than # 2 fine are authorized during spring gobbler season. Shot no larger than #6 are authorized for small game use.

(2) Bows and arrows as described in (2) and (4) above.

13. Safety Regulations. Violation of the following safety practices will result in a sevenday suspension of hunting privileges.

a. The safety of all weapons must be engaged until ready to fire.

b. All weapons will remain unloaded until hunters are in their stands. Weapons will be unloaded when ascending or descending from the stand. Muzzleloaders will be capped or primed after ascending the stand and de-capped or de-primed prior to descending the stand.

c. All hunters (firearms, archery, and muzzleloaders) and any person accompanying a hunter are required to wear blaze orange in accordance with State regulations.

d. Shotguns and muzzleloaders may only be used in designated areas. See map and log book at the Outdoor Recreation office for details. \*Note on hunting map the presence of buffered areas around residential and office areas; and proximity to Installation boundary from certain stands. When placing tree stands, position stand facing away from buffers and boundaries. Violations may result in suspensions.

e. Firearms and muzzleloaders may not be discharged within 100 yards of any dwelling or occupied building, except on an approved range.

f. Archery equipment should not be discharged within 50 yards of any dwelling or occupied building, except on an approved range.

g. Minors under the age of 18 using a firearm or muzzleloader and minors under the age of 16 using archery equipment must be under the immediate control of their parent

or other responsible adult. Immediate control is defined as being within voice control and eyesight but no farther than 50 yards.

14. Wildlife Management Hunting Program Executive Council. The primary purpose of the hunting council is to establish and maintain a safe and productive hunting program on Fort Lee. The council also:

a. Addresses and makes recommendations to the Garrison Commander or delegated representative for improvements in the hunting program.

b. Ensures timely approval of hunting regulation updates and changes.

c. Establishes fees for all classes of hunters.

d. Provides an avenue for all military and civilian members of the Fort Lee community to express concerns about the hunting program.

e. Consists of a representative from EMO, PMO, Safety Office, DPTMS, FMWR, and the hunting community. A representative from the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) may be included as an advisor to the council. A representative from Internal Review and Audit Compliance (IRAC) may sit in on meetings if issues emerge that warrant IRAC participation. The DPTMS will serve as the chairperson and the Safety Officer will serve as the alternate chairperson.

f. Meets quarterly, at a minimum, and provides minutes of each meeting to the council chairperson for final approval. Minutes will be forwarded by the chairperson to the Garrison Commander as appropriate.

15. Responsibilities.

a. Garrison Commander.

 Has overall responsibility for the Fort Lee hunting and wildlife management program.

(2) Has exclusive approval authority for the use of normally restricted areas for hunting activities.

(3) Has exclusive authority to authorize special hunting activities such as organized drives.

b. DPW.

(1) Implements and executes the operational functions of wildlife management under all appropriate DoD/Army regulations and Army pamphlets.

(2) Develops a wildlife management program that provides guidance on the types and number of game available for harvest. The program includes the development of precepts for each hunting season, outlining harvest requirements, and supporting wildlife management goals and objectives.

(3) Develops a coordinated conservation program paralleling the land and forest management program. This program will consider both wildlife food plots and habitat improvement.

(4) Establishes proper guidelines for the protection of endangered species of plants and animals.

c. DFMWR.

(1) Plans and supervises the recreational aspects of the hunting program, such as:

(a) Sells post hunting permits.

(b) Operates game check station and game dressing facility.

(c) Schedules in advance available training land for hunting via the range facility management support system (RFMSS).

(2) Coordinates daily with DPTMS for hunting areas and signs hunters in/out of these areas.

(3) Coordinates with Safety Office, DPW, PMO, and DPTMS to place and maintain deer stands and hunting area boundaries.

(4) Promotes safe hunting on Fort Lee through:

(a) Mandatory post hunting briefings before hunters may hunt on Fort Lee.

(b) Publicity of hunting seasons through available government and commercial media.

(c) Clear marking of "hunting" and "no hunting" areas where appropriate.

(5) Provides Installation Game Warden with information for the enforcement of this policy.

(6) Marks and maintains access routes to and from deer stands.

(7) Attends Range/Training Area Certification Course.

d. DPTMS.

(1) Provides a list of range areas available for hunting to FMWR at least 30 days in advance. The list will be updated daily.

(2) Makes training areas available for hunting if scheduled training is cancelled.

(3) Allocates range and training areas for hunting IAW Fort Lee regulation 350-1.

e. PMO. The Provost Marshal is the Chief Game Warden for Fort Lee and:

(1) Enforces all federal, state, and post game laws and regulations.

(2) Coordinates with federal game wardens and state game wardens as appropriate.

(3) Appoints Fort Lee Game Warden(s).

f. Garrison Safety Office.

 Reviews and advises Garrison Commander on safety aspects of the Fort Lee hunting program.

(2) Includes countermeasures in the safety program that will reduce the number of vehicle/deer accidents.

(3) Assists the hunting council with the risk assessment of proposed hunting areas, methods of harvest, access lanes, and boundaries.

g. Designated Hunting Representative.

(1) Provides an avenue for all active and authorized members of the Fort Lee community to express concerns about the hunting program.

(2) Addresses and makes recommendations to the hunting council for improvements to the hunting program.

(3) Assists in coordinating volunteers for FMWR to support the recreational aspects of the hunting program.

(4) The designated representative will participate on the hunting council.

h. SJA. The SJA may provide administrative and criminal law support.

i. IRAC. Upon request, IRAC will audit the hunting program.

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SUBJECT: Wildlife Management Hunting Policy

- 16. This policy supersedes Fort Lee Policy 14-12, 16 September 2015.
- 17. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Public Works.

- 1. 7 Encls
- 2. References
- 3. Permit Fees
- 4. Hold Harmless Agreement
- 5. Deer Management
- 6. Assistance Program
- 7. Game Dress Facility
- 8. Fowl and Small Game Hunting
- 9. Hunter's Agreement

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## Appendix A

### References

Related publications. A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this policy.

10 USC 2671, Military Reservation and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping.
16 USC and 50 CFR, Part 20 (Migratory Bird Hunting), Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
16 USC 668 and 50 CFR, Part 22, Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940.
16 USC 670(a) through (f). Conservation Programs on Military Installations.
16 USC 718 (A), Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Tax Act.
16 USC 1538-1543, and 50 CFR 17 and 23, Endangered Species Act and Convention.
18 USC 42, Lacey Act.
50 CFR, Wildlife and Fisheries.
Title 32 CFR 656, Installations: Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Army Land.
Public Law 97-79, Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.
AR 200-3, Natural Resources - Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management.
AR 350-19, Army Sustainable Range Program (SRP).
AR/DAP 385-63 Range Safety.
Fort Lee Deer Management Plan.
FL Regulation 190-2, Registration & Storage of Firearms.

CASCOM and FL Regulation 350-1, Fort Lee Ranges and Training Area.

Prescribed forms.

Fort Lee Hunting Permit, Hunter Information Card.

Fort Lee Archery Permit.

Virginia State Small Game License, permits, big game tags, and special permits.

# Appendix B

### Permit Fees and Authorized Hunters

B-1. All personnel authorized to hunt on Fort Lee (including guests) must attend the Fort Lee hunting safety briefing each year. The briefing will be scheduled before hunting season and posted at the FMWR hunting facility.

B-2. All personnel authorized to hunt on Fort Lee (including guests) must provide proof that they have passed the Virginia State Hunters Education Course, or a similar course from another state, before they purchase the Fort Lee permit.

B-3. Anyone (including guests) who wants to hunt on Fort Lee must pass a proficiency test with each weapon type each year. There will be a qualification charge to cover the cost of target damage. Qualification will be good for one year.

B-4. Authorized hunters are:

a. Active duty military members and their immediate dependent Family members.

b. Active duty Reserve and National Guard members.

c. Retired military and their ID card holding immediate Family members.

d. DOD and NAF Civilians assigned/attached to Fort Lee and their immediate Family members.

e. Retired DOD/NAF civilians.

f. Reservists and National Guard personnel not on active duty.

g. Off-post civilians may hunt as a sponsored guest of one of the above on either a daily or annual basis. Sponsored daily guests must physically hunt the same day as their sponsor. Sponsored annual guests may hunt without their sponsor being present. All hunter qualification requirements must be met by all sponsored hunters, including the requirement to attend the annual post safety briefing, possession of a state certified Hunters Safety Course, and qualification of applicable weapons. Sponsors are responsible for their guests.

B-5. Fees. The fee schedule will include a hunting permit fee and be established by FMWR. Any fees collected should comply with the requirements in AR 200-3, paragraphs 6-3b, c, and d.

# Appendix C

### **Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**

I, <u>Im a Good Hunter</u>, voluntarily participate in hunting on Fort Lee. I agree that I am assuming the risk of all personal injuries, death, and property damage, which may occur as a result of taking part in this outdoor activity. These include such injuries or damage that may be caused by:

<u>IGH</u> – the inherent risks of hunting and the use of firearms. I acknowledge I use extreme caution while hunting on Fort Lee. I fully accept the risk of this and agree to hold the U.S., Fort Lee and its employees harmless in the event such an incident occurs;

<u>IGH</u> – hazards incident to hunting in military training areas; to include but not limited to duds, mines, barbed wire, or foxholes;

IGH - the negligent acts of other hunters;

<u>IGH</u> - any dangerous condition, known or unknown, that exists in the military training areas;

<u>IGH</u> - any other negligent or non-negligent act of Fort Lee or the Directorate of Public Works. I, my personal representatives, and my heirs voluntarily agree to release, waive, and hold harmless the U.S. Army, Fort Lee, Directorate of Public Works, and employees for any and all claims arising from participating in any hunting activity. I certify on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, that I/my child will follow all Virginia and Fort Lee hunting regulations.

#### Ima Good Hunter

#### Signature of Hunter

If participant is a minor, in addition to initialing above a parent or legal guardian must sign.

I, parent/legal guardian of the above child, consent to his/her participating in hunting activities and will abide by the above indemnity agreement.

I understand the applicable safety requirements and areas that Fort Lee and its employee's \_\_harmless in the event of incident or accident.

Parent/Guardian, Signature of Parent/Guardian

## Appendix D

## Deer Management Assistance Program

D-1. This program is adopted from and works in concert with the Virginia Deer Management Plan, and developed and produced by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF). The Fort Lee Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is designed to help control and manage the deer herd on Fort Lee. The plan addresses six areas: populations, habitat, damage, recreation, education, and administration.

a. Population control goal. The cultural carrying capacity is the maximum number of deer that can coexist with humans. This goal is to manage the deer population at the desired local cultural carrying capacity, while maintaining a healthy and viable herd.

b. Habitat Goal. To manage deer habitats consistent with deer population objectives while maintaining a diverse and healthy floral and faunal landscape.

c. Damage Goal. To manage and reduce the urban, ecosystem, vehicular, forestry, and other deer damage.

d. Recreational Goal. To maximize the opportunity for all Soldiers / family members / retirees to safely enjoy deer hunting and other wildlife-related recreational experiences.

e. Educational Goal. To educate Fort Lee's residents regarding safety, ethics, and benefits of deer as a resource, and deer related issues associated with ecology, management, and behavior.

f. Administrative Goal. To develop a program that will become financially selfsupporting.

D-2. Fort Lee DMAP Rules.

a. Harvest requirements are subject to change every season and will be published at the Outdoor Recreation hunting facility at the beginning of each season. These may involve mandatory harvesting of does during some times, or for some periods, a violation of which may result in suspension of Fort Lee hunting privileges for the remainder of the current hunting season.

b. DMAP tags will be issued as determined by FMWR and DPW and will be valid for use on both the cantonment area and range complex.

c. One full jawbone MUST be removed from each deer harvested on Fort Lee and surrendered to Outdoor Recreation office for documentation purposes. This is

mandatory to remain in compliance with Fort Lee hunting regulations. Violation of this rule may result in suspension of hunting privileges on Fort Lee for the remainder of the current hunting season. Temporary exceptions to this policy may only be granted by the Game Warden.

# Appendix E

# Game Dressing Facility

E-1. The game dressing facility is the only approved location for dressing deer on-post, although initial field dressing can be carried out on the range complex and in the Blackwater Swamp area as long as the waste organs are not deposited in a wetland or area frequented by Soldiers. Deer will not be dressed in quarters, unit areas, motor pools, or any other facility on-post. After the deer has been skinned and quartered, the deer may be taken to quarters for final processing. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a one-week suspension of hunting privileges. The second violation will result in suspension of Fort Lee hunting privileges for one calendar year from the date of infraction.

E-2. The game dressing facility fee will be included in the cost of the post permit.

E-3. Processed game must be removed within 72 hours. If game is not removed within 72 hours, the harvest will be donated at discretion of the FMWR recreation manager.

E-4. The game dressing facility may be used to dress game harvested on-post or offpost. Additional FMWR fees may apply to game from off post.

E-5. Anyone using the game dressing facility is responsible for proper waste disposal and area clean up.

### Appendix F

## Fowl and Small Game Hunting

F-1. Turkey hunting.

a. Turkey hunting is in accordance with Virginia and Prince George County regulations. Turkey hunting may be conducted from the ground.

b. Electronic calls and dogs are not permitted to hunt turkey.

c. It is unlawful to possess any shot larger than number 2 fine while hunting turkey.

d. Bag limit is in accordance with Virginia hunting regulations.

e. Hunting areas will be signed out on a first-come, first-served basis during fall turkey season. If a turkey hunter signs out an area, no deer hunting is authorized in that area.

f. Hunting areas and hunter numbers are listed in appendix H.

F-2. Goose hunting.

a. Geese may be hunted during season on certain areas within the range complex. See the maps and log book at the Outdoor Recreation office for details. Hunters will remain at least 100 yards east of River Road and fire only eastward toward the tree line.

b. No decoys are allowed on roadsides.

c. Non-permanent blinds must be used on waterfowl hunting areas on the range complex. Blinds must be removed at the end of the hunting day.

d. Dogs may be utilized for all waterfowl hunting, including hunting in the Blackwater Swamp area, but only after the close of the general firearms season.

e. Hunters must have permission from adjacent landowners prior to retrieving game from their land.

f. Blaze orange vests and headgear are required in accordance with state regulation. Fort Lee also requires waterfowl hunters to wear blaze orange vests and headgear while traveling to and from the blind, but they are not required to wear blaze orange vests and headgear while actually in the blind hunting.

F-3. Small game hunting.

a. Small game hunting is permitted on Fort Lee in accordance with Virginia hunting regulations

b. No dogs are allowed to hunt squirrels or rabbits until after deer season closes. Dogs will only be used in the range complex. If a dog begins to chase deer, it must be removed immediately from the area. Hunters using dogs must ensure all dogs are retrieved.

c. All small game will be hunted using shotguns with shot not larger than #6 and bows only.

F-4. Other game species. Other game species may be hunted in accordance with Virginia hunting regulations.

F-5. G-North is authorized for dove hunting.

F-6. Hunters must remove all spent rounds, cases, and trash from the hunting area.

# Appendix G

# Fort Lee Hunter's Agreement

I have read and fully understand the Fort Lee Wildlife Management Hunting Policy and have attended the Fort Lee hunter's safety briefing. I have reviewed the Fort Lee hunting maps and fully understand the requirements and boundaries of each hunting stand and area. I have received a copy of the policy and understand that it is my responsibility to abide by the policy's guidelines. I further understand that if I choose not to abide with any part of this policy, I may be banned from the hunting program.

Hunter's name (printed):	
Fort Lee hunting permit number:	
Hunter's signature and date:	
Outdoor Recreation staff signature:	