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1. Purpose. The purpose of this Bulletin is to publish information concerning the 2013/2014 Hunting Season as directed by the reference.

2. Background. This Bulletin is revised on an annual basis to reflect the changes in state hunting regulations, special events, safety issues, and procedures hunters must follow in order to hunt aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany. Contact Mr. Alfred S. Belanger, Base Game Warden at (229)639-5188 regarding any questions or recommendations concerning this Bulletin.

3. Action

a. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange safety clothing while hunting aboard the installation.

b. Signs stating "Hunting in Progress" will be posted at entrances to the Base and housing areas, and in areas frequented by children.

c. General Hunting Limitations

(1) It is unlawful to kill or cripple game without making reasonable efforts to retrieve it.

(2) Trapping is prohibited.

(3) Baiting is prohibited.

(4) Training of hunting dogs must be approved by the Base Conservation Law Enforcement Officer.

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d. Hunting Hours and Areas. Legal hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Hunting is authorized seven days a week. Exception: changes to this schedule will be posted at the hunter check-in station, Building 5643 three days prior to the change. The Game Warden may close any area, season, or restrict the number of hunters in order to protect the game population, the safety of the hunters, and/or the safety of other personnel using the area.

e. Check-In and Check-Out Procedures. Hunters' initial check-in time is no earlier than two hours before sunrise. Final check-out time is no later than one hour after sunset. All hunters must check in and out at the hunter check-in station, Building 5643. This procedure will be on the "honor system" during the entire hunting season. Failure to do so may result in the loss of hunting privileges.

f. Deer Hunting. The deer census will be conducted from 1-21 August in order to determine the number of deer to be harvested this season. The census will be conducted with the help of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College using field cameras.

(1) Deer aboard the Base may only be hunted using archery equipment. Spotlighting deer is prohibited. The deer season on base is from 14 September 2013 to 15 January 2014. However, the season may be closed earlier based on the number of deer harvested. The deer quota will be posted at the hunter check in-out station before scouting starts. Antler restrictions will be posted at the check in-out station before the season starts. Hunters will be allowed 3 deer during the hunting season, two does and one buck or 3 does, until the quota has been met. Adjustments, in the form of increases in the individual doe limit, may be made as the season progresses and will be posted at the check in-out station. As part of the Quality Deer Management Program, the first deer harvested must be a doe. All wounded deer must be reported to the Game Warden at (229)639-5188 or (229)809-2495.

(2) Deer Scouting. Scouting will take place for all personnel from 22 August to 1 September 2013. Hunters must obtain a permit from the Game Warden prior to scouting.

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(3) Deer Stands. The use of a permanent stand will not be authorized aboard the Base. Only portable stands with safety belts will be allowed. Each hunter will be allowed two stands; lock on, climber or ladder. All hunters must wear a full body safety harness while hunting. Stands must be inspected by authorized Natural Resources personnel prior to being placed in a wooded area. Hunting areas are open to hunters on a first come first serve basis. Stands must be removed from the wooded area no later than two weeks after the end of deer season. Stands may only be moved during the hours of 1000-1400 with the exception of those moved immediately after hunting hours.

(4) Bow hunter education course. All hunters will be required to participate in and pass the National Bow hunters Education Course which will be provided by the Natural Resources Section and trained volunteers. Completion of this course is required in order to obtain a Base hunting permit.

(5) Archery Qualification. Archery qualifications will be included as part of the bow hunters education course.

(6) Size/weight restrictions. There are no size or weight restrictions; however, harvest of button bucks is discouraged. If a hunter harvests a button buck it will count towards their buck quota. Harvesting a second button buck will result in the suspension of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season.

(7) Field cameras. Each permitted hunter will be allowed to use one (1) field camera. Cameras may only be removed/checked during the hours of 1000-1400 with the exception of those removed immediately after hunting hours.

g. Small Game Hunting. Only 12-410 gauge shotguns will be used for hunting small game aboard the Base. Ammunition is limited to No. 6 through No. 8 shot.

(1) Season limits and dates for small game will be set per state regulations and will be posted at the hunter check out-in station.

(2) Squirrel. **Flying squirrels and fox squirrels aboard the Base are protected.** Gray Squirrel hunting areas will be designated by Natural Resources personnel.

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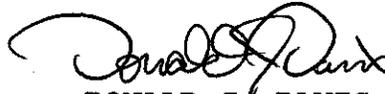
(3) Dove. Dove hunting areas will be designated by Natural Resources personnel.

(4) Quail. Pen-raised quail may be released in areas designated by Natural Resources personnel for the purpose of training bird hunting dogs.

(5) Predators (fox, coyote, bobcat, raccoon, opossum). The predator season, as appropriate, will run concurrently with the deer season. All predators will be hunted using bow and arrow and will be hunted from a deer stand; no stalking or ground hunting will be allowed. Hunters will be required to follow all existing rules about checking in and out and reporting the type and number of predators taken.

h. Special Hunt. There will be special hunt for active duty only, date to be determined.

4. Reserve Applicability. This Bulletin is applicable to Marine Corps Reserve personnel aboard the installation.


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