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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY ORDER 5530.2A

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany
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Subj: PRIVATELY OWNED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regulation 1159
(b) Manual for Courts-Martial (2008 edition)
(c) 18 U.S.C. 921-929
(d) MCLBAO 1720.17R
(e) DOD 4160.21-M (NOTAL)
(f) MCO 5530.14A
(g) MCO 5580.2B
(h) MCLBAO 11320.2F

1. Situation. The unlawful sale, use and possession of privately owned firearms, weapons, ammunition, explosives, fireworks and pyrotechnics threaten the good order and discipline vital to the mission of Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Albany. This necessitates implementation of regulations to protect the resources of MCLB Albany; references (a) through (h) apply.

2. Cancellation. BO 5530.2.

3. Mission. This Order outlines the regulations concerning the possession, registration, transportation, storage, use and sale of privately owned firearms, weapons, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, and pyrotechnics by all personnel aboard MCLB Albany.

a. Punitive Effect. Violations of this Order by military personnel are punishable as violations of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and can subject the violator to court martial or other judicial or administrative action. Individuals not subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply are subject to adverse administrative action or criminal prosecution as authorized by references (a) and (c) and other applicable Federal and state law. Violations by other individuals may subject the violator to trial in the Federal courts for violation of reference (c).

b. Definitions

(1) "Firearms," as expressed in this Order, include devices which propel projectiles by explosive, gaseous expansion.

(2) "Weapons," as expressed in this Order, include air rifles, air pistols, starter pistols, blank, and similar-type pistols. Other items (i.e., bow, K-bar/knives, or metallic knuckles) that may be designed specifically to cause grievous bodily harm are also included in this definition.

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(3) "Handguns," as expressed in this Order, include pistols, revolvers, or other firearms with a short stock designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

(4) "Ammunition," as expressed in this Order, is a device charged with explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics, initiating composition or chemical material for use in connection with defense or offense including demolitions, training, ceremonial, or non-operational purposes.

(5) "Small Arms Ammunition," as expressed in this Order, is ammunition, without projectiles containing explosives (other than tracers), that is .50 caliber or smaller or for shotguns.

(6) Locked case/compartments, as expressed in this Order, for enduring on-base storage in housing and other billeting is a fully encased container such as a gun safe, hard plastic case, etc., that is capable of completely enclosing the firearm and being locked with a key or combination lock.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The good order and discipline aboard military installations is a matter of paramount importance in safeguarding national security. Courts have consistently held that military commanders have broad authority to maintain good order and discipline and to ensure operational readiness. Strict adherence to the standards established in this Order will be maintained to ensure the security and safety of our community, which is essential to preserve good order and discipline aboard MCLB Albany.

(2) Concept of Operations. Personnel residing on MCLB Albany will have the privilege of possessing their privately owned firearms, if all requirements of this Order and the references are met.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Tenant Commanding Officers, Officers in Charge, Division Directors and Special Staff Officers will:

(a) Ensure all newly assigned personnel are informed of the provisions of this Order during initial orientation, and as often thereafter as deemed necessary.

(b) Ensure that all personnel checkout with the armory and that personal firearms and ammunition are permanently withdrawn from the armory.

(c) Enforce provisions of this Order as they apply to introducing, possessing, registering, storing, transporting, and using weapons.

(d) Ensure that all lost or stolen personal firearms or ammunition is reported to the MCPD immediately.

(2) Marine Corps Police Department (MCPD)

(a) Register privately owned weapons.

(b) Conduct a National Crime Information Center records check of all personnel registering privately owned weapons.

(c) Enforce provisions of this Order as they apply to introducing, possessing, registering, storing, transporting, and using weapons.

(d) Investigate, process, and report all incidents in violation of this Order.

(e) Maintain and update a database of all personnel residing in bachelor enlisted quarters, bachelor officer quarters and Lincoln Family Housing aboard MCLB ALBANY who store weapons in their residence or in unit armories.

(f) Seize all weapons found to be in violation of this Order. Weapons seized in conjunction with criminal activity or violation of this Order will be held as evidence until advised by the Military Justice Officer or Special Assistant U.S. Attorney at which time they will be disposed of in accordance with appropriate orders.

(g) Confiscate all prohibited weapons aboard MCLB Albany; action will be referred to the appropriate authority for adjudication. Upon completion of any legal proceeding, the item will be disposed of in accordance with reference (e).

(h) Ensure that signs are posted at the entry control points to the base and guard posts explaining the rules for possession of firearms and ammunition aboard MCLB Albany.

(3) Armory personnel will ensure that:

(a) All personal firearms and ammunition being stored in the armory are permanently withdrawn from the armory by the owner during the checkout process and documented.

(b) Personal weapons are stored in a separate container, or weapons rack (size permitting), but never in the same container with government firearms or ammunition.

(c) Personal ammunition will be stored in a box/container, but never in the same box/container as government Arms Ammunition and Explosives. The individual ammunition box/container is required to identify the owner, shell or casing count, and other identifying characteristics in order to maintain accountability.

(d) Inventories of personal firearms and ammunition maintained in an armory will be conducted concurrently with daily inventories. Personal firearms and ammunition will be listed, by serial number on a separate document from government weapons. Caliber or other distinguishing characteristics will be listed on the personal weapons and ammunition inventory checklist. Personal firearms and ammunition may be stored in private cases within containers. These cases may be sealed (with ball end, or similar seal) after an inventory is completed by the owner and

armorer/custodian, and requires a logbook entry must include; name of individual with contact info, type of weapon, type of ammunition and quantity, case seal serial number and weapon serial number. For the purposes of daily sight counts, sealed cases can reflect the integrity of the container, similar to the inventory requirement for banded and sealed weapons crates and boxes. Monthly serialized inventories and quarterly audits will reflect the case seal number.

(e) A logbook will be maintained for personal firearms and ammunition stored in the armory with the following information: name of individual with contact info; type of weapon; type of ammunition and quantity; case seal serial number and weapon serial number.

(f) Issue and receipt of personal firearms and ammunition transactions will be recorded in a single event format. Logbooks will be opened and closed on an annual basis and will be retained for at least three years.

(g) Withdrawal of ammunition or weapon(s) requires the owners to provide a copy of the storage authorization letter to the armorer/custodian with at least one form of identification. Each transaction regarding the receipt and issue of personal weapons and ammunition will be recorded in a logbook in a single event format.

(h) Ensure that in the event a personal weapon(s) or ammunition is abandoned in an armory, every attempt will be made to locate the owner and follow guidance provided in reference (f).

(4) Marine Corps Community Services

(a) Ensure individuals who reside on base and purchase firearms, fill out the appropriate forms at the time of purchase and forward the forms to the MCPD Pass and ID section.

(b) Keep a copy of the signed forms on file for three years after purchase.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Concealed or Loaded Weapons. Individual state licenses or permits that authorize individuals to carry concealed firearms are not recognized or valid aboard base. Under no circumstances will the transportation of loaded or concealed firearms be permitted aboard MCLB Albany except under those situations outlined in paragraph 4b(2) of this Order.

(2) Personnel Authorized to Possess Loaded Weapons. The following personnel may possess loaded weapons on their person while aboard MCLB Albany:

(a) Military or civilian personnel required to do so in the execution of their duties.

(b) Civilian law enforcement, bank security personnel and civilian employees required to possess or service/organizationally issued weapons in the execution of their official duties.

(c) Personnel authorized to hunt aboard MCLB Albany in compliance with reference (d).

(d) Personnel on authorized and approved MCLB Albany ranges.

(e) Individuals with written permission from the MCLB Albany Commanding Officer.

(3) Personnel Authorized to Transport Weapons. The following persons may transport weapons aboard MCLB Albany in the manner outlined in paragraph 4c of this Order:

(a) Members of Marine Corps rifle and pistol teams.

(b) Personnel proceeding to or from authorized recreational weapons practice and hunting activities.

(c) Personnel proceeding directly to or from the authorized place of storage of the weapon aboard MCLB Albany and a location off MCLB Albany.

(d) Personnel who lawfully purchase a weapon at the Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) or off base on the date of purchase only. Personnel must have in his or her possession the sales documentation with a purchase date listed.

(e) Personnel bringing their weapons to the MCX to return a purchased weapon or in order to utilize the Firearms Transfer Service for a permanent change of station move. Weapons must be transported in accordance with paragraph 4c of this Order under the following conditions:

1. Personnel must call ahead to the MCX, identify themselves and set a time for bringing the weapon to the MCX.

2. Upon entering the MCX, personnel shall notify MCX security that they possess a weapon.

3. Weapons must be in a carrying case.

4. Magazines must be empty and removed.

5. No ammunition may be brought into the MCX.

6. Sales documentation must be available upon request.

(4) Transportation of Personal Firearms and Ammunition

(a) When transporting privately owned firearms and ammunition aboard the base, great care must be exercised to ensure the firearms and ammunition are not easily accessible to any occupant of the motor vehicle. It is a violation of this Order to transport a firearm in a vehicle unless the firearm is equipped with a trigger lock or cable lock and secured in a locked case/compartament.

(b) Ammunition must be transported separately from firearms. Firearms transported aboard MCLB Albany must be transported in the following manner:

(c) No loaded personal firearms will be transported aboard MCLB Albany.

(d) Privately owned firearms and ammunition will not be left unsecured and will not be stored in privately owned vehicles aboard MCLB Albany.

(e) All personnel entering MCLB Albany, in possession of firearms and or ammunition will notify the gate sentry that firearms and or ammunition are being transported and the sentry will then verify that the weapons and or ammunition are being transported in accordance with this order. The sentry will enter the identity of the person transporting the weapons, destination, the number and type of weapons in the gate logbook.

(5) Hunters. Hunters aboard the base must comply with reference (d).

(6) Storage and Security of Personal Firearms and Ammunition

(a) All individuals residing aboard MCLB Albany must register all privately owned firearms with the Marine Corps Police Department (Pass and Identification Office, Building 3010) within 10 working days of initially bringing the weapon(s) on base.

(b) MCLB Albany residents will store their legally owned, private firearms and ammunition in accordance with references and the following:

1. In accordance with reference (f), storage of personal weapons and ammunition in the armory must be authorized in writing by the MCLB Albany Commanding Officer. One copy of the authorization letter will be maintained in the armory, while the owner will maintain the original copy. Personal firearms will not be stored loaded and will be stored separately from ammunition. Personal weapons and ammunition will be provided security commensurate with that of government weapons and ammunition.

2. Personnel (E-5) and below who reside in the bachelor enlisted quarters (BEQ) will store their privately owned firearms and ammunition in the base armory or off MCLB Albany.

3. Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers (SNCOs) will register their weapons with the Marine Corps Police Department and store their privately owned weapons in the base armory. They may store their privately owned firearms and ammunition in their bachelor officer quarters or bachelor enlisted quarters provided the firearms are stored unloaded and properly secured inside a locked gun safe or strongbox and secured with a trigger lock or cable lock. Ammunition must be secured separately from firearms and in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

4. All residents of MCLB Albany Lincoln Family Housing may store their privately owned firearms and ammunition in their quarters provided that:

a. Firearms are stored unloaded and equipped with a device such as a trigger lock or cable lock.

b. Firearms must be stored in a gun safe or strongbox capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

c. Ammunition must be secured separately from firearms and in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

(c) Smokeless Powder and Other Handloading Components. All residents of MCLB Albany Lincoln Family Housing are authorized to store smokeless powder (not to exceed 20 pounds) and other hand loading components in their quarters.

1. Smokeless Powder. Only the smallest practical quantity of smokeless powder will be kept in storage. Smokeless powder and other hand loading components will be stored in the following manner:

a. Smokeless powder will be stored in a cool, dry place that is out of the reach of children. The storage area must be free from excess heat and isolated from open flame, furnaces, hot water heaters, and mechanical or electrical equipment. Smokeless powder will not be stored in the same area with solvents, flammable gases, or highly combustible materials.

b. Smoking is not allowed in areas where powder is stored or used. "No Smoking" signs will be posted in the storage place and around loading benches.

c. Smokeless powder will be stored in the original factory container. Do not transfer the powder to an unapproved container for storage. Several small containers (e.g., canisters or caddies) will be used for safety purposes rather than one large container (e.g., kegs or drums).

d. Powder containers will be stored in a cabinet constructed of insulating materials and having one or more weal walls that push out to allow easy venting of gas. This is to ensure prevention of appreciable buildup of force that could cause an explosion.

2. Small Arms Primers and Percussion Caps. No more than 2,000 small arms primers or percussion caps may be stored in residences. Primers and caps shall be separated from smokeless powder by a distance of 25 feet (7.63 meters) or by a fire partition having a fire resistance of at least one hour.

3. No personal smokeless powder, primers, or percussions will be stored in SNCO bachelor quarters, bachelor officer quarters, BEQ's/Barracks, or in the base armory.

(d) Black Powder and Other Muzzle Loading Components. All residents of MCLB Albany Lincoln Family Housing are authorized to store black

powder (not to exceed 5 pounds) and other hand muzzle loading components at their quarters (not inside quarters).

1. Black Powder. Only the smallest practical quantity of smokeless powder will be kept in storage. Black powder and muzzle loading components will be stored in the following manner:

a. Black powder will not be stored inside the residence or with percussion caps and other reloading powders. It will be stored in an outside building at least 100 feet away from the residence. The building will be marked with an appropriate warning sign. The area around the building will be kept clear of brush dried vegetation, leaves, and similar combustibles.

b. Smoking, matches, open flames, spark producing devices, or firearms are not permitted inside of or within 50 feet of the building.

c. The building's construction and the storage of powder within will comply will comply with the regulations set forth above for the storage of smokeless powder and must be secured at all times by either a key lock or combination lock.

2. No personal black powder or percussion caps will be stored in SNCO bachelor quarters, bachelor officer quarters, BEQs/Barracks, or in the base armory.

(7) Accessibility to Children. Under no circumstances will any firearm or ammunition be accessible to children, without close parental supervision.

(8) Non-Residents of MCLB Albany. Individuals not residing aboard MCLB Albany are exempt from the registration requirement. Such persons may transport their privately owned firearms aboard MCLB Albany only for the purposes outlined in this Order.

(9) Sales of Firearms at the Marine Corps Exchange (MCX). Individuals who purchase a firearm or weapon on MCLB Albany at the MCX will review and sign the MCX Privately Owned Weapons Acknowledgement Form. Those individuals who reside on base shall fill out the form and the MCX will forward a copy of the form to the MCPD for registration purposes and maintain a copy on file.

(10) Prohibited activities. The following activities and weapons are prohibited aboard MCLB Albany:

(a) The introduction, manufacture, sale, importation, loan, or possession of any assault weapon prohibited under Federal law, reference (c).

(b) Possession of a loaded firearm except when ready to fire on an approved MCLB Albany range or within a designated hunting area (not applicable to law enforcement and security personnel when in the execution of their duties).

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(c) Storage of any ammunition greater than small arms ammunition, .50 caliber and above to include explosives, in government owned quarters and the armory is prohibited.

(d) The possession and/or use by minors (17 years or younger) of paintball guns, air rifles, pellet or BB guns, firearms, bows and arrows, sling-shots, or any weapon capable of causing death or serious injury, except when under the direct supervision of an adult and in an approved location.

(e) The introduction, manufacture, sale, importation, loan, giving or unlawful possession of any instrument or weapon capable of inflicting bodily injury, such as but not limited to devices that project noxious gas or dangerous flames, items of any kind commonly known as a black jack, billy club, metal knuckles, nunchaku, throwing star, throwing knife, butterfly knife, spring-loaded (switchblade) or gravity-fed knife, straight razor, or illegally modified firearm or ammunition is prohibited except for the following:

1. The lawful possession of a police baton by law enforcement and security personnel, acting within the scope of their duties.

2. Non folding sheath knives when individuals are engaged in hunting, fishing, camping or the performance of their assigned duties.

3. Nunchaku, throwing stars and all other martial arts equipment when used in organized classes conducted by certified/authorized martial arts instructors.

(f) In accordance with reference (h) all fireworks are prohibited.

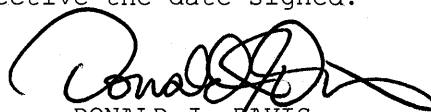
(g) Pyrotechnics or explosives of any type except in connection with military duties are prohibited.

5. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Order may be forwarded to the CO, MCLB Albany via the Director, Public Safety Division.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to MCLB Albany and its subordinate and tenant commands.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.


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