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AIR STATION ORDER 5510.15D

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: POSSESSION, USE, AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL FIREARMS,
WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, AMMUNITION, AND FIREWORKS

Ref: (a) MCO 5530.14A
(b) National Firearms Act
(c) 18 U.S. Code 921
(d) North Carolina General Statute GS14-269.7
(e) North Carolina General Statute GS14-402(a)
(f) MarAdmin 176/14

Encl: (1) Privacy Act Statement
(2) Weapons Registration Form
(3) Sample Authorization Letter to Purchase Firearm
(4) Local Records Check
(5) Sample Authorization Letter for Concealed Weapon

1. Situation. Safety and security are primary Command responsibilities. Per reference (a), this Order prescribes Air Station policy, procedures, and standards to establish a well-defined program that will support the Commanding Officer's (CO's) efforts.

2. Cancellation. ASO 5510.15C.

3. Mission. To establish regulations, per reference (a), governing the possession, use and storage of personal firearms, weapons, explosives, ammunition, BB Guns, bows and arrows, crossbows and arrows (bolts), pyrotechnics, and fireworks aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point and areas under the jurisdiction of the Commanding Officer (CO).

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

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(a) Personnel from all echelons must direct their attention to the safe and legal possession, use, and storage of firearms, weapons, and ammunition aboard MCAS Cherry Point. All personnel should be made aware of and will comply with the contents of this Order.

(b) To enhance the safety and well-being of all personnel aboard MCAS Cherry Point and its Area of Operations (AO).

(c) Integrate standard physical security requirements for storage of personal firearms, weapons, and ammunition for all personnel.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) This Order establishes formal procedures for program which outlines regulations for possession, use, transportation, and storage of personal firearms, weapons, and ammunition.

(b) This Order has been completely re-written. It contains several significant changes regarding the storage and transportation of personal firearms, weapons, and ammunition aboard MCAS Cherry Point. It should be reviewed in its entirety.

b. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Firearm. A device capable of firing a missile or round using an explosive charge as a propellant.

(2) Personal Firearm. Any privately or individually owned/possessed rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver.

(3) Weapon. Includes pellet guns, air pistols, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows, crossbows, knives with blades exceeding three inches in length, switchblades/stilettos, nightsticks, nunchukus (nunchucks), throwing stars (shurikens), and paintball guns.

(4) Explosives. Any explosive article, chemical compound, or combination thereof, excluding small arms ammunition.

(5) Ammunition. Any cartridge, round, or shell capable of being discharged from a rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver.

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(6) Fireworks. Any combustible or explosive device designed to produce a striking display of light, a loud noise, or pyrotechnics display.

(7) Possession. The exercise of actual physical custody and control over weapons/firearms/explosives. Possession may be established by the fact that the weapons/firearms/explosives were found on the premises or in a place over which a person exercises control.

(8) Air Station. All areas under the command and control of the CO, MCAS Cherry Point and its Area of Operations (AO).

5. Registration Requirements. Per reference (a), and as defined in this Order, all privately owned firearms/weapons used, possessed, introduced and/or stored aboard MCAS Cherry Point shall be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) by the owner. All firearms/weapons which are not duly registered or which are transported in violation of this Order will be confiscated. The firearms/weapons will be returned to the owner only after proof has been presented that it has been registered with the PMO and authorized by the individual's CO. Weapons not requiring registration will be returned only after authorization by the individual's CO. In order to register a weapon, the owner must:

- a. Possess a valid military (Active/Reserve/Retired), family member, or authorized civilian identification card.
- b. Have proof of purchase of the firearm(s)/weapon(s), or bring the actual firearm(s)/weapon(s) to be registered in a locked case unloaded and in a safe condition at the time of registration. This will enable the Pass and Identification Office to verify the actual serial number and/or description of the firearms/weapons being registered.
- c. Must report to the Pass and Identification Office in Building 251, located adjacent to the Main Gate and read a Privacy Act Statement (encl (1)), and fill out a Weapon Registration Card for each weapon being registered (encl (2)).

6. Storage of Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition Aboard MCAS Cherry Point

a. Firearms/Weapons in Barracks

- (1) Personnel in the pay grades of E-5 and below shall

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not possess or store any firearms/weapons, or ammunition in any barracks. All such firearms/weapons and ammunition will be stored in their organizational armory or off-station. Firearms/weapons stored in a unit armory must also be registered with the PMO.

(2) Per reference (a), Staff Noncommissioned Officers (SNCOs) and Officers permanently billeted in the SNCO BEQ or the BOQ are permitted to store privately owned firearms/weapons and user amounts of ammunition in their quarters. Per reference (f), the following guidelines will be adhered to:

(a) The firearm(s)/weapon(s) must be registered with the PMO.

(b) At a minimum, all firearms must be kept unloaded and secured in a fully encased container that is capable of completely enclosing the firearm and being locked with a key or combination lock.

(c) All firearms must be fitted with a trigger lock.

(d) Ammunition must be stored separately from firearms and in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

(3) No one shall possess or store firearms/weapons in work areas. Privately owned firearms are prohibited in all federal facilities, to include Government leased spaces and Government vehicles.

(4) Unit Commanders will ensure that individuals in their commands who have firearms/weapons stored in unit armories have access to the armory for the purpose of picking up and turning in their privately owned firearms/weapons.

b. Firearms/Weapons in Housing/Station Quarters. All persons, military and civilian, residing in government controlled housing, must register all privately owned firearms/weapons with the PMO in order to retain such items in their respective quarters. Only firearms/weapons owned by residents may be kept in quarters. Per reference (f), they will be stored as follows:

(1) All firearms will be kept unloaded and secured inside a fully encased container that is capable of completely enclosing the firearm and being locked with a key or combination

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lock. All firearms must be fitted with a trigger lock. Precautions will also be taken to safeguard ammunition from misuse.

(2) Black and smokeless powder intended for personal use in quantities not to exceed a combination of five pounds, may be stored in original containers in residences in a wooden box or cabinet having walls at least one inch nominal thickness. Ammunition, not to exceed 2,000 rounds each of center fire and rimfire, may be stored in quarters in a secured container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

7. Transporting/Carrying Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition

a. Transporting Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition in an Automobile

(1) Firearms must be unloaded and secured inside a fully encased container that is capable of completely enclosing the firearm and being locked with a key or combination lock while being transported aboard the Air Station.

(2) Individuals being stopped by law enforcement must immediately notify the law enforcement officer of the presence of any weapon in the automobile for the officer's and the vehicle's occupants' safety.

(3) No loaded firearms will be transported. All ammunition will be separated from the firearm and secured in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

b. Civilian/Military Law Enforcement Personnel. Properly identified civilian law enforcement personnel/officers who enter MCAS, Cherry Point on official business will not be required to surrender the firearm(s) they are normally armed with.

c. Carrying of Concealed Firearms/Weapons

(1) No firearm(s)/weapon(s) will be concealed either on a person or in a vehicle, except by individuals who are employed as full-time law enforcement personnel on official business, and other cases as authorized by the PMO.

(2) Properly registered firearms/weapons being transported per paragraph 7.a. of this Order are not considered concealed.

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(3) Department of Defense and active duty military personnel when in the performance of official duties as such, and when acting under official orders, are exempt for the restriction of concealed weapons laws.

d. Carrying/Transporting Knives and Martial Arts Weapons

(1) Knives are not authorized to be carried or transported aboard Cherry Point if the blade exceeds three inches in length unless the knife is a hunting, fishing, or diving knife. These types of knives may only be carried/transported to or from the hunting/fishing/diving area(s). This Order is not intended to preclude the legitimate use of a workman's knife by military or civilian workers during the performance of their work duties.

(2) Martial arts weapons (e.g., nunchucks (nunchukus) and throwing stars (shurikens)) and blunt-style weapons will only be carried directly to and from authorized instructional areas.

(3) Small blades, knives, or blunt-style weapons which are designed to fit into a belt buckle, or give a false impression of being ornamental in nature, or which are in any way misleading in their true purpose and are easily accessible to the wearer are considered to be concealed.

e. Introduction of Firearms/Weapons to MCAS Cherry Point by Non-Air Station Residents (Military/Civilian)

(1) Military and civilian personnel residing off-station may transport firearms/weapons on board MCAS Cherry Point for recreational shooting and hunting purposes only. All firearms/weapons intended for this use must be registered per paragraph 4 of this Order.

(2) Those individuals desiring to hunt on-station may only bring shotguns, muzzle loading rifles, or bows and arrows aboard MCAS, Cherry Point.

(3) A hunting permit will be considered authorization to carry Firearms/Weapons into authorized hunting areas.

(4) Armed hunters will proceed directly to and from their authorized hunting areas only.

(5) Firearms may **NOT** be stored in POVs with the intent to use for hunting before or after work.

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8. Possession or Use of Explosives, Fireworks, or Pyrotechnics.

The introduction, possession, or use of explosives, fireworks, or pyrotechnics aboard the Air Station is prohibited except as required in the official performance of official duties.

9. Firing or Discharge of Firearms/Weapons

a. The firing or discharge of firearms/weapons aboard MCAS Cherry Point, other than as authorized by the CO, is prohibited. This prohibition includes informal target practice in the wooded areas of the Air Station.

b. Pneumatically operated firearms/weapons (e.g., air rifles, air pistols, and those weapons operated by compressed CO2 or similar methods) that are designed to fire BB Shots or pellets by air, gas, or spring are authorized to be fired aboard the confines of MCAS, Cherry Point under the following conditions:

(1) Persons under the age of 16 will be supervised by a parent when firing the firearms/weapons described in paragraph 9.b. above.

(2) The firearms/weapons described in paragraph 9.b. above will only be fired at targets and not at persons, wildlife, pets, or property.

(3) Target backstops must be of sufficient size and thickness to preclude any hazard to persons or property.

(4) The firing of pneumatically operated firearms/weapons is strictly prohibited within 200 yards of any inhabited area, squadron, battalion, quarters, club, recreational area, pasture, runway, taxiway, or other aircraft operating area.

c. Paintball guns will only be fired within areas specifically designated for their usage. Areas aboard the Air Station designated for paintball guns are the Shady Grove picnic areas A/B and the Duck Pond and Bartlett Pond recreation areas.

10. Prohibited Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition

a. All Firearms and Weapons currently considered Title II weapons by reference (b) are prohibited aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

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b. All ammunition considered armor piercing by reference (c) is not authorized aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

c. All Teflon-Coated Ammunition commonly referred to as "cop killers", are not authorized aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

d. All weapons considered a destructive device commonly referred to as a "Weapon of Mass Destruction", per reference (c) are not permitted aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

11. Prohibited Possession

a. Per reference (c), persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from possessing handguns. This does not include members of the Armed Forces in possession of weapons in the performance of their duties.

b. Per reference (c), a person must be at least 18 years of age to possess and purchase rifles and shotguns.

c. Per reference (d) it is unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to willfully and intentionally possess or carry a handgun. This prohibition does not apply to the following:

(1) Officers and Enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States when in the performance of their official duties, or when required by orders to carry handguns.

(2) A minor who possesses a handgun for educational or recreational purposes while the minor is supervised by an adult who is present.

(3) An emancipated minor who possesses such a handgun inside his or her residence.

d. Per reference (b) and the "Lautenberg Amendment", anyone who has committed and been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence is prohibited from possessing, purchasing, or being issued a firearm or ammunition.

(NOTE: THERE IS NO EXEMPTION FROM THE "LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT" FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FOR MILITARY ISSUED WEAPONS.)

e. Per reference (b), no one convicted of a felony may possess a firearm.

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12. Requirements for the Purchase of Firearms

a. All individuals desiring to purchase a firearm will comply with reference (e), which complies with the "Brady Law".

b. Military personnel desiring to purchase a firearm must complete the following process in order to comply with reference (e) and this Order:

(1) Obtain an authorization letter (encl (3)) from their CO on their Unit's letterhead.

(2) Complete a local records check (encl (4)) with the Provost Marshals Office.

(3) Take the completed, approved package to the County Sheriff's Department in the County of Purchase, to obtain the appropriate State permit to purchase a firearm.

c. Sale of Firearm(s)/Weapon(s) by Individuals. Any firearm(s)/weapon(s) sold by an individual aboard MCAS, Cherry Point shall be reported to the PMO so the registration may be canceled by the seller and re-registered by the buyer when applicable. The seller will report the name, organization, and address of the individual to whom the firearm(s)/weapon(s) is/are sold.

13. Requirements to Request North Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit. Military personnel desiring to apply for a concealed weapons permit must complete the following process in order to comply with this order and North Carolina state law:

a. Obtain a concealed weapons authorization letter (encl (5)) from their CO on their Unit's letterhead.

b. Complete a local records check (encl (4)) with the PMO.

c. Complete a certified State concealed weapons training class.

d. Bring complete package to resident county Sherriff's Department to obtain permit.

(NOTE: POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT DOES **NOT**, IN AND OF ITSELF, ALLOW ANYONE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON ABOARD MCAS CHERRY POINT.)

14. Concurrence. The Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing and the Commanding Officers of Naval Health Clinic-Cherry Point, the Fleet Readiness Center-East, and Combat Logistics Company-21 concur with the contents of this Order insofar as it pertains to members of their respective commands.

15. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration. Recommendations for changes to this Order are encouraged. All recommendations should be submitted to the MCAS Cherry Point Provost Marshal's Office via the appropriate Chain of Command.

b. Logistics. None.

16. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all personnel and all subordinate and tenant Commands aboard MCAS Cherry Point and within its AO.

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



T. M. PEHRSON
Executive Officer

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Disclosure of the information contained in this form may be made in the following circumstances: in the event that information contained in this record indicates a violation or potential violation of civil, criminal, or regulatory law, disclosure may be made to the appropriate Federal, state, local, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the law; to appropriate Federal, state, or local agencies if necessary to obtain information relevant to a decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit; to a Federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter; to a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual; to the Office of Management and Budget in connection with the review of private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular A-19 at any stage of the legislative coordination and clearance process as set forth in that Circular; to foreign law enforcement, security, investigators, or administrative authorities in order to comply with requirements imposed by, or to claim rights conferred in, international agreements and arrangements including those regulating the stationing and status in foreign countries of DoD military and civilian personnel; any information normally contained in IRS Form W- may be disclosed to state and local taxing authorities; to the Office of Personnel Management as necessary for the Office of Personnel Management to carry out its legally authorized functions; to any component of the Department of Justice for the purpose of representing the DoD, or any officer, employee, or member of the DoD in pending or potential litigation to which the record is pertinent; to the General Services Administration for the purpose of records management inspections; to the National Archives and Records Administration for the purpose of records management inspections; to the Merit Systems Protection Board for the purpose of litigation, review of OPM or component rules or regulations, investigation of alleged or possible prohibited personnel practices, and other such functions; for the purpose of counterintelligence

Enclosure (1)

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activities authorized by U.S. Law or Executive Order or for the purpose of enforcing laws which protect the national security of the United States; to officials of duly established local, state, and federal courts as a result of court order pertaining to matters properly within the purview of said court; to the State or the House of Representatives of the U.S. or any committee or subcommittee thereof, any joint committee of Congress or subcommittee of joint committee on matters within their jurisdiction; to the Comptroller General of the U.S. or any of his authorized representatives in the course of the performance of the duties of the General Accounting Office relating to the Marine Corps; to provide information to another agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the U.S. which has been authorized by law to conduct law enforcement activities pursuant to a request that the agency or instrumentality initiate a criminal or civil action against an individual on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of Defense; and to provide information to individuals pursuant to a request for assistance in a criminal or civil action against a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, by the U.S. Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of Defense.

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WEAPONS REGISTRATION FORM

Rank: _____ LName: _____ FName: _____ MName: _____

SSN/EDIPI: _____ Branch Of Service: _____
(Act/Res/Ret/Civ)

Driver's License Number: _____

Driver's License State or Territory/Country: _____

Civilian Type: _____ Employee Type: Civil Service/Contractor

Date of Birth (YYYYMMDD): _____

Place of Birth (City/State/Country): _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Race: _____ Gender: Male / Female

Ethnicity: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____ Identifying Marks _____
(Tattoos, Scars, etc.)

Unit or Organization: _____

DUTY STATION/EMPLOYER: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Home or Cell Phone (____) _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Number/Street (Apt) City State Zip Code

WEAPON INFORMATION

Serial Number: _____ Weapon Type: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____

Caliber: _____ Barrel Length: _____ Action: _____

Year Manufactured: _____ Date Purchased/Received: _____
(YYYYMMDD)

Description of Weapon: _____

Weapon Location Address: _____
Number/Street (Apt) City State Zip Code

Enclosure (2)

**SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION LETTER TO
PURCHASE FIREARM(S)**

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Your Unit's Letterhead
PSC BOX XXXX
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA 28533-XXXX

5521
CO
Date stamp

From: Commanding Officer
To: XXXXXXXXXXXX County Sheriff's Department, XXXXXXXXXXX, NC
Via: Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Air Station,
Cherry Point, North Carolina

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PERSONAL FIREARM(S)
IN CASE OF _____
(Rank FName M.I. LName (EDIPI #)/(MOS) USMC)

Ref: (a) ASO 5510.15D
(b) North Carolina State Law 14-403
(c) NRMCASO ref to 550.1G

1. _____ records were screened on _____.
(Rank FName M.I. LName) (Date)
2. The following information is provided:
 - a. Disciplinary Actions: _____.
 - a. Disciplinary Actions Pending: _____.
 - b. Adverse Counseling: _____.
 - c. Total Active Military Service: _____ years _____ months.
 - d. Previous Ownership of Personal Firearms: Yes/No.

Signature of CO
Typed Name of CO

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SAMPLE LOCAL RECORDS CHECK LETTER

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE
POSTAL SERVICE CENTER BOX 8035
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, 28533-0035

IN REPLY REFER TO:
5510
SES/SMF
(Date)

From: Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Air Station,
Cherry Point, NC
To: XXXXXXXXXXXX County Sheriff's Department, XXXXXXXXXXX, NC
Via: (1) Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center
(CLEOC) Administrator, MCAS, Cherry Point
(2) Officer in Charge, Criminal Investigation Division
(CID), MCAS, Cherry Point

1. A Local Records Check was conducted regarding the below named individual. The following information is provided:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SSN</u>
MOTIVATOR, JOHN D	XXX-XX-XXXX
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Provost Marshal's Office CLEOC Records Check Results:

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Officer in Charge, CID Records Check Results:

Respectfully,

Signature of Clerk
Typed Name of Clerk
Administrative Clerk

Enclosure (4)

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**SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION LETTER TO
APPLY FOR A CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS PERMIT**

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Your Unit's Letterhead
PSC BOX XXXX
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA 28533-XXXX

5521
CO
Date stamp

From: Commanding Officer
To: XXXXXXXXXXXX County Sheriff's Department, XXXXXXXXXXX, NC
Via: Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Air Station,
Cherry Point, North Carolina

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A NORTH CAROLINA CONCEALED
CARRY WEAPONS PERMIT IN THE CASE OF

(Rank FName M.I. LName (EDIPI #)/(MOS) (Branch))

Ref: (a) ASO 5510.15D
(b) North Carolina State Law 14-403
(c) NRMCASO ref to 550.1G

1. _____ records were screened on _____.
(Rank FName M.I. LName) (Date)
2. The following information is provided:
 - a. Disciplinary Actions: _____.
 - a. Disciplinary Actions Pending: _____.
 - b. Adverse Counseling: _____.
 - c. Total Active Military Service: ____ years ____ months.
 - d. Previous Ownership of Personal Firearms: Yes/No.

Signature of CO
Typed Name of CO