



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5001

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MARINE CORPS BASE ORDER 5500.4A

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: SECURITY INSPECTIONS AND CHECKPOINTS

Ref: (a) Constitution of the U.S., Fourth Amendment (NOTAL)  
(b) MCBO 5500.2  
(c) MCBO 5370.1  
(d) MCBO 5800.1

1. Purpose. To promulgate information and assign responsibilities for the conduct of security inspections at the entry/exit points and gates of MCB and other designated areas.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 5500.4.

3. Security Inspections

a. In order to ensure the security of this Command, periodic security inspections that entail the search of persons and/or vehicles will be conducted on a random basis at the following locations:

- (1) Entry/exit points and gates to MCB.
- (2) Camp Barrett area.
- (3) Marine Corps Air Facility.
- (4) Weapons Training Battalion area.
- (5) Camp Upshur area.

(6) Entrances to mainside area from the Town of Quantico (located at the intersection of Barnett and Neville Avenues and along Broadway Avenue, between Upshur and Fifth Avenues).

b. The search of persons and/or vehicles entering or departing the Command will be conducted at the established gates or as close to the Command perimeter as is practical. A primary consideration in determining such a site will be the relative safety the contemplated location affords all individuals and property involved.

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c. The search of persons and/or vehicles entering or departing those areas specified in paragraph 3a(2) through 3a(5) will be at points of entry/exit to those areas. The search of persons and/or vehicles passing through these security inspections will be indiscriminate and not target any single population.

d. These searches will be conducted, as directed by the CG MCB, Quantico, on a random basis and accomplished by the Provost Marshal. The Provost Marshal will determine the methods of selecting vehicles to be stopped, the procedure followed in conducting the searches, and the times and locations of the searches.

e. The Provost Marshal will determine whether the inspection will include an examination of the driver's license to operate a motor vehicle and the registration and safety inspection of the vehicle.

f. A search other than at the perimeter of this Base or at points of entry and exit of those areas specified in paragraph 3a(2) through 3a(5) must be justified by probable cause or other circumstances, such as military necessity, which demonstrates that the search is reasonable within the meaning of reference (a).

g. Civilians entering this Command who decline to allow an authorized search of their person or vehicle will be refused admission and will be required to immediately exit the Command without a search being conducted. Civilians may not decline to allow an authorized search of their person or vehicle upon exiting the Command or at points within the Command. Civilians detained as the result of contraband found during any search will be processed per reference (b).

h. Checkpoints may be established on any road aboard the Command east of U.S. 1, except Fuller Road, to ensure that vehicles traveling thereon are displaying either a current decal or visitor's pass authorizing access to the Command. The Provost Marshal will determine the location of the checkpoints and the times such checks will be conducted. No vehicle displaying a current decal or visitor's pass while proceeding through the checkpoint will be stopped. When no current decal or visitor's pass is visible, the vehicle will be stopped and the status of the driver determined. Military personnel, civilian employees, and contract employees will be processed per references (c) and (d). Civilians having no military or command connection will be processed per reference (b), and their names, addresses, and vehicle license numbers will be recorded. Prior to allowing the vehicle to proceed (if the operator has legitimate business aboard the Command), a visitor's pass will be issued at the checkpoint.

4. Action

a. Provost Marshal

(1) Coordinate, schedule, and conduct security inspections and checkpoints on a random basis but not less than once every 4 weeks.

(2) Issue a warning to civilians having no military or command connection who are stopped at checkpoints for driving aboard the Command without a visitor's pass.

b. Organizational Commanders/Civilian Personnel Supervisors.  
Ensure that this Order receives widest dissemination.

  
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