



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS BASE

QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5001

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From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: PRIVATELY OWNED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regs, Article 1136
(b) UCMJ
(c) MCCDCO P11015.2C
(d) DoD 4160.21-M (NOTAL)
(e) MCO 8300.1C

1. Purpose. To publish instructions for the control of privately owned weapons, ammunition and explosives.
2. Cancellation. MCBO 8000.1A.
3. Summary of Revision. This revision contains a significant number of changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.
4. Information. Reference (a) prohibits the possession of any dangerous weapon, instrument, device or highly explosive article or compound on board any installation or vehicle under naval jurisdiction, except when necessary for the proper performance of duty or when authorized by proper authority.
5. Policy. The prohibitions contained in this Order are applicable to all personnel. Military personnel who violate the provisions of this Order are subject to prosecution under Article 92 of reference (b). Civilian violators are subject to administrative action and/or prosecution by appropriate Commonwealth or Federal authorities.
6. Prohibited Activities. The following activities are prohibited:
 - a. Introducing, possessing and/or using fireworks prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia (firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, etc.), and pyrotechnics or explosives of any type other than reloading components, and those issued in connection with military duties.
 - b. Possessing and/or using by minors (17 years or younger) of air rifles, pellet or BB guns, firearms, bows and arrows, slingshots, or any weapon capable of causing death or serious injury, except when under the direct supervision of an adult.

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c. 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 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 is prohibited except for the following:

(1) The lawful possession of a police baton by law **enforce-**ment and security personnel, acting within the scope of their duties.

(2) Nonfolding 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.

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

e. The carrying or transportation of concealed weapons on the person or in a vehicle, except when authorized in the performance of official duties.

f. Transporting privately owned firearms and/or ammunition aboard the Command in any manner other than the following:

(1) Weapons will be unloaded and carried in the trunk of the vehicle. In vehicles without a trunk, firearms will be encased in a carrying case, and placed as far away from vehicle occupants as the configuration permits. If transporting weapons and ammunition while operating a motorcycle, the weapon must be cased and may not be carried on the person in a holster. Use of saddle bags, back pack or some other type of carrying device is allowed.

(2) Ammunition will be separated to the greatest extent possible from the weapon and the appropriate magazine. Ammunition must not be inserted into a magazine.

g. Possessing weapons in any vehicle, or on any person except for the following:

(1) Military personnel and civilian law enforcement authorities in the execution of their duties.

(2) Members of bona fide rifle and pistol teams. Weapons must be secured in gun boxes or cases.

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

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(4) Personnel proceeding directly to or from the authorized place of storage of the weapon aboard this Command and a location off the Command.

(5) Individuals with written permission from the Provost Marshal.

h. Hunters will comply with the provisions of reference (c).

7. Safeguarding, Resistration and Control

a. Individuals residing aboard the base will register all firearms, bows, crossbows, BB and pellet guns with the Provost Marshal (Vehicle Registration Office, Building 2043) within three working days of initially bringing the weapon(s) on base. Installation residents will store their legally owned, private firearms and ammunition per the following.

(1) Sergeants (E-5) and below who reside in the bachelor enlisted quarters (BEQ) will store these items in their organizational armory or off the installation.

(2) Officers and staff noncommissioned officers may store these items in their bachelor officer quarters (BOQ)/BEQ rooms provided the arms are properly secured inside a locked gun safe or strongbox.

(3) Occupants of base housing may store these items inside their quarters provided that:

(a) A device such as a trigger lock, gun safe, or strongbox, is used to secure each firearm.

(b) Under no circumstance will any firearm be accessible to children, without close parental supervision.

b. Individuals not residing aboard the base are exempt from the registration requirement. Such persons may transport their privately owned firearms aboard the base only for the purpose of proceeding to or from any authorized hunting and/or recreational activities and only in compliance with paragraph 6f of this Order.

c. Military police will seize all weapons found to be in violation of this Order. Weapons seized in conjunction with criminal activity 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 per appropriate orders. Weapons seized in other circumstances not related to criminal activity will be held until properly registered then returned to the owner. In circumstances where disposal of the weapon is deemed appropriate, an informal hearing will be held by the Command Inspector to afford the owner the opportunity to appeal the disposal action.

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d. When a prohibited weapon is found aboard the base, it will be confiscated and action referred to the appropriate commanding officer for adjudication. Upon completion of any legal proceeding, the item will be disposed of per reference (d).

8. Action

a. Provost Marshal

(1) Register/de-register privately owned weapons.

(2) Conduct a local records check of all personnel registering privately owned weapons.

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

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

b. Commanding Officers

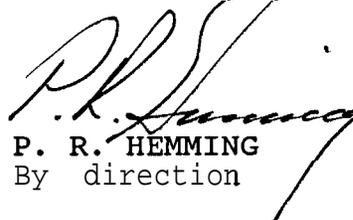
(1) Ensure all newly assigned personnel are informed of the provisions of this Order during initial orientation, and as often thereafter as deemed necessary.

(2) Provide storage within unit armories for personal weapons that are registered with the Provost Marshal.

(3) Ensure that personal weapons stored in the unit's armory are stored in locked containers, separate from military weapons and ammunition, and inventoried per reference (e).

(4) Ensure personal weapons and ammunition are permanently withdrawn from the armory only after written approval of the commanding officer or authorized representative.

(5) Notify the Provost Marshal when personal weapons stored in unit armories are withdrawn due to permanent change of station orders, occupancy of family housing, or the **weapon** is sold or otherwise permanently removed from the Command.


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1. Purpose. To direct a pen change to the basic Order.

2. Action

a. Page 2, paragraph 6f, line 1, add "and/or ammunition" after firearms.

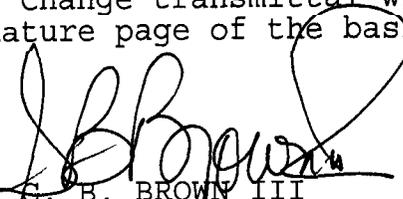
b. Page 2, subparagraph 6f(1), make the following changes:

(1) Line 1, replace "They" with "Weapons."

(2) Add "If transporting weapons and ammunition while operating a motorcycle, the weapon must be cased and may not be carried on the person in a holster. Use of saddle bags, back pack or some other type of carrying device is allowed." after permits.

c. Delete subparagraph 6f(2) and replace with "Ammunition will be separated to the greatest extent possible from the weapon and the appropriate magazine. Ammunition must not be inserted into a magazine."

3. Filing Instructions. This Change transmittal will be filed immediately following the signature page of the basic Order.


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