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AIR STATION ORDER 5510.15E

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
To: Distribution List

Subj: POSSESSION, USE, AND STORAGE OF PRIVATELY OWNED 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) North Carolina State Law 14-403
(g) North Carolina General Statute 14-415.10
(h) MARADMIN 176/14

Encl: (1) Sample Authorization Letter to Purchase Firearm(s)
(2) Sample Local Records Check Letter
(3) Sample Authorization Letter to Apply for a Concealed Carry Weapons Permit

1. Situation. Safety and security are primary Command responsibilities. The references provide broad overarching guidance, but prescriptive instruction governing the handling of privately owned firearms, weapons, explosives, ammunition, and fireworks is needed. This Order has been substantially revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. ASO 5510.15D.

3. Mission. To establish regulations, per references (a) through (h), governing the possession, use, and storage of privately owned firearms, weapons, explosives, ammunition, and fireworks aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and areas under the jurisdiction of the Installation Commander.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. To ensure good order, discipline, security, and force protection aboard MCAS Cherry Point by integrating standard physical security requirements for possession, use, and storage of privately owned firearms, weapons, explosives, ammunition, and fireworks for all personnel.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Provost Marshal. Responsible for enforcing this Order and advising the Installation Commander on matters pertaining therein.

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(b) Unit Commanders. Responsible for providing storage for personnel living in barracks and authorizing firearms purchases and applications for concealed carry permits.

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

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

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

(3) Weapon. Includes pellet/air/BB guns, slingshots, bows and arrows, crossbows, sharpened edged weapons (knives/swords/machetes) or any other edged device that has a sharpened edge which exceeds five inches in length (excluding kitchen cutlery normally/commonly utilized for preparing food, or awards/trophies/plaques that have edged weapons affixed/secured to them and is not easily accessible without a tool to disassemble), nightsticks, throwing stars (shurikens), brass knuckles, starter guns, privately owned firearm parts (when put together will make a functioning firearm), bang sticks, pneumatically/compressed air operated guns (paintball guns, potato guns, t-shirt guns, etc.).

(4) Firearm Storage Container. A container (e.g., commercial gun safe, hard plastic case) that is capable of completely enclosing the firearm and being locked with a key or combination lock.

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

(6) Ammunition. Any cartridge, round, or shell capable of being discharged from a firearm.

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

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

(9) Air Station. All areas under the command and control of the Installation Commander.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Forms. All forms associated with this Order may be obtained from: https://navalforms.documentservices.dla.mil/web/public/home.

b. Registration Requirements. Per reference (a), and as defined in this Order, all privately owned firearms used, possessed, introduced and/or stored aboard the Air Station shall be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) by the owner within 30 days of reporting aboard the Air Station or 30 days of purchase (with proof of purchase) of the privately owned firearm. All privately owned firearms which are not duly registered and/or introduced or improperly stored aboard the Air Station are in violation of this Order and will be confiscated. The firearm will be returned to the owner only after proof has been presented that it has been registered with PMO and

authorized by the individual's Commanding Officer. In order to register a privately owned firearm, the owner must:

(1) Possess a valid military (Active/Reserve/Retired), family member, or authorized civilian identification card.

(2) Bring proof of purchase and a photo of the privately owned firearm to the Pass and Identification Office. If the weapon does not have a serial number, a temporary serial number will be assigned.

(3) Must report to the Pass and Identification Office in Building 251, located adjacent to the Main Gate and complete a Privately Owned Firearm Registration Form, (Form: MCASCHERPT/PMO/5510/1 (6/15)) for each weapon being registered.

c. Storage of Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition Aboard MCAS Cherry Point

(1) General

(a) No one shall possess or store privately owned firearms/weapons/ammunition in work areas. The aforementioned are prohibited in all Federal facilities except in unit armories, to include Government leased spaces and Government vehicles.

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

(2) Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition in Barracks

(a) Personnel in the pay grades of E-5 and below shall not possess or store any privately owned firearms, weapons, or ammunition in any barracks. All privately owned firearms, weapons, and ammunition will be stored in their organizational armory in accordance with references (a) and (h) or off-station. Privately owned firearms stored in a unit armory must also be registered with the PMO.

(b) Per reference (a), Staff Noncommissioned Officers (SNCOs) and Officers permanently billeted in the SNCO Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) or the Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) are permitted to store privately owned firearms/weapons and user amounts of ammunition in their quarters. Per reference (h), the following guidelines apply:

1. Privately owned firearms must be registered with the PMO.

2. At a minimum, all privately owned firearms must be kept unloaded and secured in a firearm storage container.

3. All privately owned firearms must be fitted with a trigger lock.

4. Ammunition must be stored separately from privately owned firearms and in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

(3) Privately Owned Firearms in Privatized Housing. All persons, military and civilian, residing in privatized housing, must register all privately owned firearms with the PMO in order to retain such items in their respective quarters. Only privately owned firearms owned by residents may be kept in quarters. Black and smokeless powder intended for personal use in quantities not to exceed a combination of five pounds may be stored in original containers at the owner's residence. Black or smokeless powder may also be stored in a wooden box or cabinet having walls at least one inch thick.

d. Transporting/Carrying Privately Owned Firearms, Weapons, and Ammunition

(1) Transporting Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition in an Automobile

(a) Privately owned firearms must be unloaded and secured inside a portable firearm storage container while being transported aboard the Air Station.

(b) Loaded privately owned firearms will not be transported. All ammunition will be separated from the privately owned firearm and secured in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination. Firearms will be stored in a locked firearms container and fitted with a trigger lock.

(c) Weapons transported in the passenger compartment of a vehicle must be visible or easily distinguishable by normal observation from the exterior of the vehicle and out of immediate reach of the driver, or secured in a portable firearm storage container. Weapons that are transported in the trunk of a vehicle or a secured bed mounted toolbox are considered secured and do not require any additional actions.

(d) If stopped by law enforcement, personnel must immediately notify the law enforcement officer(s) of the presence of any privately owned firearm(s) in the automobile and/or weapons in the passenger compartment for the officer's safety.

(e) Privately owned firearms may NOT be stored in Privately Owned Vehicles (POV).

(2) 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 their firearms/weapons of which they are normally armed.

(3) Carrying of Concealed Firearms/Weapons

(a) 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 Provost Marshal.

(b) Properly registered privately owned firearms/weapons being transported per paragraph 5d of this Order are not considered concealed.

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

(4) Carrying/Transporting Sharpened Edged Weapons and Martial Arts Weapons

(a) Sharpened Edged Weapons, as defined in paragraph 4b(3) of this Order, are not authorized to be carried on one's person aboard the Air Station unless the individual is actively engaged in a recreational activity (e.g., camping, hunting, fishing, etc) and the sharpened edged weapon is normally/commonly utilized for that purpose. These types of edged weapons may only be carried/transported to or from recreational area(s). Sharpened edged weapons utilized normally/commonly for recreational activities may be stored in a secured bed mounted toolbox or the trunk of a vehicle. 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, or awards/trophies/plaques that have edged weapons affixed to them and are not easily accessible without a tool to access the sharpened edged weapon.

(b) Martial arts weapons (e.g., nunchucks, swords) and blunt-style weapons will only be carried directly to and from authorized instructional areas.

(c) 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.

(5) Introduction of Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons to MCAS Cherry Point by Non-Air Station Residents (Military/Civilian)

(a) Military and civilian personnel residing off-station may transport privately owned firearms/weapons on board MCAS Cherry Point for authorized recreational shooting and hunting purposes only. All privately owned firearms intended for this use must be registered per paragraph 5 of this Order.

(b) Individuals desiring to hunt on-station may transport privately owned firearms, or bows and arrows aboard the Air Station to and from hunting areas only.

(c) During North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission published hunting seasons, a North Carolina hunting permit will be considered authorization to carry privately owned firearms/weapons into authorized hunting areas.

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

(e) Privately owned firearms may **NOT** be stored in POVs with the intent to use for hunting before or after work.

e. The 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.

f. Firing or Discharge of Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons

(1) The firing or discharge of privately owned firearms/weapons

aboard the Air Station, other than as authorized by the Installation Commander, is prohibited. This prohibition includes informal target practice in the wooded areas of the Installation.

(2) Privately owned pneumatically operated weapons (e.g., air rifles, air pistols, and those weapons operated by compressed air/gas 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 the Air Station under the following conditions:

(a) Persons under the age of 16 will be supervised by a parent when firing privately owned pneumatically operated weapons.

(b) Privately owned pneumatically operated weapons will only be fired at targets and not at persons, wildlife, pets, or property.

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

(d) Firing of privately owned pneumatically operated 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.

(3) Paintball guns will only be fired within areas specifically designated for their use such as the Shady Grove picnic areas (Marine Corps Community Services' (MCCS) Devil Dog Dare).

g. Prohibited Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition

(1) Privately owned firearms and weapons currently considered Title II weapons by reference (b) are prohibited aboard the Air Station.

(2) Ammunition considered armor piercing by reference (c) is not authorized aboard the Air Station.

(3) Teflon-Coated Ammunition is not authorized aboard the Air Station.

(4) Weapons considered a destructive device commonly referred to as a "Weapon of Mass Destruction," per reference (c), are not permitted aboard the Air Station.

h. Prohibited Possession

(1) 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 official duties.

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

(3) 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:

(a) 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.

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

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

(4) 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.

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

i. Requirements for the Purchase of Privately Owned Firearms in the State of North Carolina.

(1) All individuals will comply with reference (e), to include the purchase of weapons from the Marine Corps Exchange.

(2) Military personnel desiring to purchase a privately owned firearm must complete the following process in order to comply with references (e) and (f), and this Order:

(a) Obtain an authorization letter (enclosure (1)) from their Unit Commander on their Unit's letterhead.

(b) Bring the authorization letter to the PMO to have a local records check completed.

(c) Take the completed approved package to the County Sheriff's Department in the county of residence to obtain the appropriate State permit to purchase a firearm.

(3) Sale of Registered Privately Owned Firearm(s)/Weapon(s) by Individuals. Any registered privately owned firearm(s)/weapon(s) sale shall be reported to PMO so the registration may be cancelled 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 privately owned firearm(s)/weapon(s) were sold.

j. Requirements to Request a North Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit. Military personnel desiring to apply for a North Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit must complete the following process in order to comply with this Order and reference (g):

(1) Complete a certified North Carolina State concealed weapons training class.

(2) Obtain a concealed weapons authorization letter (enclosure (3)) from their Unit Commander on their Unit's letterhead.

(3) Bring all paperwork to the PMO to have a local records check completed.

(4) Take the completed approved package to the County Sheriff's Department in the county of residence to obtain the appropriate State permit to purchase a firearm.

NOTE: POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT DOES **NOT**, IN AND OF ITSELF, ALLOW ANYONE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON ABOARD THE AIR STATION.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all personnel aboard MCAS Cherry Point, Marine Corps Outlying Field Atlantic, Marine Corps Outlying Field Oak Grove, and Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue.

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

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DISTRIBUTION: A

SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION LETTER TO PURCHASE FIREARM(S)

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Your Unit's Letterhead

5521
CO
Date

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

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

Ref: (a) ASO 5510.15E
(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

SAMPLE LOCAL RECORDS CHECK LETTER

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
POSTAL SERVICE CENTER BOX 8035
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, 28533-0035

5510
SES
Date

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

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

NAME	**SSN**
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

SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION LETTER TO
APPLY FOR A CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS PERMIT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Your Unit's Letterhead

5521
CO
Date

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

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A NORTH CAROLINA CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS PERMIT IN CASE OF _____
(Rank FName M.I. LName (EDIPI #)/(MOS) (Branch)

Ref: (a) ASO 5510.15E
(b) North Carolina General Statute 14-415
(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