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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Privately Owned Firearms (POFs) (USAG Fort Wainwright Policy #27)

1. References:

- a. AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives, 17 Jan 19.
- b. USARPAC Supplement 1, 24 Mar 98 to AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives, 12 Mar 98.
- c. USARAK Regulation 190-1, Physical Security, 1 May 21.
- d. USAG Alaska Regulation 190-13, Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Natural Resource Policies and Enforcement on United States Army Garrison Alaska Installation Land and Water, July 2022.

2. Purpose: To establish procedures for POFs on Fort Wainwright.

3. Policy terms.

a. Cantonment: All housing areas, military operating facilities to include motor pools and warehouses, any commercial areas (i.e. any areas owned or operated by AAFES) and commercial recreation sites (i.e. Birch hill ski area, Chena Bend golf course, Chena cove rec area, glass park) or any other designated areas within the boundary of Fort Wainwright regardless of means of access.

b. Other Garrison designated Areas: Main post training areas - #s 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 and 115 within the boundary of Fort Wainwright regardless of means of access.

c. Main Post: The term "main post" refers to all USARAK cantonment areas, ranges and training areas not authorized for recreation which access is granted via a manned access control point (ACP) or other authorized entry location regardless of means of access.

d. Loaded: A round in the chamber and/or a round(s) in a clip or magazine while seated in the POF, tubular magazine (shotgun/lever-actions), floorplate magazine (hunting rifles) or in cylinders (revolvers) or a projectile is loaded into a muzzleloader or black powder firearm.

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e. Concealed: Hidden from plain view whether on an individual or outside a gun case while in a vehicle. Transportation of a POF in a vehicle trunk is not considered to be concealed.

f. Secured: Locked in a gun cabinet, safe, secure closet/room, in a lockable hard gun case, or installed trigger lock/cable which renders the firearm inoperable.

g. Unauthorized Person: Any person who is known or unknown to the registrant who does not possess verbal or written authorization or is incapacitated by intoxicating substances, mental defect, or prohibited by legal definition to possess firearms.

#### 4. Firearm Registration.

a. All personnel desiring to possess, transport, and/or store POFs on Fort Wainwright must register their firearm(s) at the Visitor Center (VC), 4470 Gaffney Road, prior to entry to main post. Firearms may also be registered at the Fort Wainwright Police Station if the firearm is purchased/obtained on main post. During the registration process at the listed buildings, firearms must be secured in the vehicle or at an off-post residence.

b. All personnel desiring to register POFs digitally may obtain a digital registration packet, located on the Fort Wainwright Police Department's or Garrison's webpage. Once digital form is signed by the registrant and the unit commander, form will be sent to [usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.des-le-desk@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.des-le-desk@army.mil). Once form is received, and only after necessary background and clearance information is obtained, will the registrant receive their POF registration.

c. Areas exempt from the firearm registration requirements are all off post ranges and listed training areas: Tanana Flats, Yukon Training Areas, Donnelly Training Areas, Gerstle River Training Area, Black Rapids, and Whistler Creek Training Area. The privately owned firearm requires registration if the individual enters main post from the listed areas referenced in paragraphs 3.a.- 3.c.

d. Off-post Soldiers and civilians may participate in authorized shooting activities on post. Temporary registration documents can be held for pick-up at the Main Gate VCC upon conclusion of the activity. Picking up the firearm registration will avoid it from being entered permanently into a police database. Registrations held longer than 24 hours will be entered into the database as a matter of record.

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5. Transportation on post.

a. POFs and ammunition (ammo) are only to be transported for purchase/sale, use at authorized ranges, authorized hunting and trapping or for authorized off-post activities. Transportation must be from the storage location to the authorized activities. While in transit to and from authorized storage locations or ranges, privately owned weapons may be left in locked vehicles out of public view for short/very-limited periods of time (i.e., a momentary stop at the shoppette, post service station, or a friend's home, etc.).

b. POFs can only be secured in a firearm's case (hard or soft) and out of reach of the occupants in the vehicle. A gun sock is not considered a firearm's case. The case must render the firearm inaccessible by first opening the case and loading the POF.

c. POFs are not to be transported in a loaded condition. Ammo, loaded magazines or clips must be stored separately from the POF during transit.

d. The driver will declare if a POF is present in the vehicle when entering main post, during a vehicle inspection or if stopped by law enforcement.

e. Authority granted by the State of Alaska to carry a concealed firearm is NOT valid on Fort Wainwright main post. Exception: Individuals engaged in lawful recreational activities in the northern main post training areas - #s 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115 - may carry a firearm for personal protection from wildlife open or concealed on their person. Otherwise, privately owned firearms or weapons are not to be carried on main post.

6. Storage on Main Post.

a. The only authorized long-term storage for POFs and personal ammo owned by Soldiers assigned to the barracks/billets is their unit or activity arms room.

b. Written approval will be obtained from the unit or activity Commander each time a POF is withdrawn from the arms room. Written approval document (a memorandum signed by the commander or a designated representative) will be maintained in the arms room. The POF will be immediately returned to the unit arms room upon completion of intended purpose of withdrawal. POFs not returned to the Unit arms room within the requested timeframe by the Soldier will be reported to the Unit Commander.

c. All DoD affiliated personnel who PCS with or acquire a POF(s) upon arrival to Fort Wainwright and do not have access to approved storage of POFs are authorized temporary storage at the Fort Wainwright Provost Marshal Office (PMO) for up to 72

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hours. Coordination must be made with the Directorate of Emergency Services or PMO for storage longer than 72 hours.

d. Temporary storage for visitors that are going to be on post under 24 hours may store their firearms in the Visitor Center Firearms Storage Lockers. The visitor will follow all instructions posted at the lockers to ensure safety and security. All items left after 24 hours will be considered found property and held for 30 days at the PMO. If firearms are not claimed by the 30 day time frame, they will be processed for disposal in accordance with regulation and policy.

e. POFs and ammo are not to be stored in main post temporary lodging/billeting, including the IHG hotel.

f. POFs maintained in the household are not to be stored in a loaded condition. Firearms and ammunition are to be secured or otherwise rendered immediately inaccessible or inoperable to prevent their use by children or other unauthorized individuals (see Para 3.f.). Reloading supplies are to be stored IAW established post fire and safety policies and to be stored separate from the firearm. Secured or rendered inoperable means: in a locked gun cabinet, safe, secure closet/room, in lockable gun case or installation of a trigger lock or cable which renders the firearm inoperable.

7. POFs will not be taken into a field-training environment as part of military training.

8. All privately owned weapons, to include firearms, crossbows, BB/pellet/dart/airsoft guns and archery equipment of any type, may only be discharged at authorized ranges or in authorized hunting areas in accordance with state and federal hunting regulations. Otherwise privately owned firearms or weapons are not to be discharged on main post.

9. Storage of crossbows, BB/pellet/dart/airsoft guns and archery equipment of any type or martial arts items owned by Soldiers living in barracks shall be at the unit commander's discretion.

10. Qualified Law Enforcement Officers, as defined by Army Directives 2021-06 and 2021-13, are authorized to Conceal Carry their firearm on the installation in accordance with their agency's policy. Individuals must be able to provide proof they are a Qualified Law Enforcement Officer on demand. This includes local, state, and federally credentialed Law Enforcement.


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11. This policy supersedes Garrison Policy #27, Privately Owned Firearms (POFs), dated 24 May 2021.

12. The point of contact for this policy is the DES PMO at (907) 353-7892.

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# FORT WAINWRIGHT MAIN POST MAP

