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**COMMANDING GENERAL'S
POLICY LETTER #1
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Registration Requirement for Privately-Owned Firearms (POF's)

1. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy applies to all III Corps and Fort Hood Service Members, their dependents, and all others who enter Fort Hood. This policy applies to all major subordinate commanders, units, and tenant activities across the Fort Hood Military Reservation.

2. **STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY.** The safety of the Service Members and civilians who live and work on Fort Hood is a primary concern of the III Corps and Fort Hood Command. III Corps and Fort Hood command awareness of all POF's stored or brought onto the installation is essential to ensure the safety and security of the installation and can help prevent accidents or incidents that could cause serious injury or death to Service Members or civilians on the installation.

3. **POLICY.**

a. This policy and Fort Hood Regulation 190-11 require all Service Members and their dependents living, residing, or temporarily staying on Fort Hood to register any POF's kept on post with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). Service Members living in the barracks or in post temporary housing must notify their immediate commander of the possession of any POF and keep the POF in their respective unit arms rooms in accordance with (IAW) AR 190-11 and Fort Hood Regulation 190-11. All Service Members and their dependents living, residing, or temporarily staying on Fort Hood will immediately notify DES of any sale, purchase, trade, gift, exchange, or any other action that changes the ownership of a POF kept on post.

b. All persons, whether Service Member or civilian, who intend to transport a POF onto Fort Hood must first register that firearm with DES. Any POF's transported onto Fort Hood will be accompanied by post registration documentation and are subject to inspection at all times. All persons bringing a POF onto Fort Hood must enter through an Access Control Point (ACP), declare that they are bringing a POF on post and state the purpose for doing so to the ACP personnel. Persons may be prevented from bringing an unregistered POF on post.

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c. The POF registration requirement is a tool for commanders and their subordinates to use to protect Service Members and civilians from accidents or incidents that could result in death or serious injury. Commanders have the authority to order service members living on post to store any POFs kept on post in the unit arms room IAW the requirements of AR 190-11 and Fort Hood Regulation 190-11.

d. IAW § 1062 of the *Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011*, PL 111-383—Jan 7, 2011 (NDAA 2011), persons subject to this policy shall not prohibit, issue any requirement relating to, or collect or record any information relating to the otherwise lawful acquisition, possession, ownership, carrying, or other use of a privately owned firearm, privately owned ammunition, or another privately owned weapon by a member of the Armed Forces or civilian employee of the Department of Defense on property that is not a military installation or otherwise owned or operated by the Department of Defense. Any such information that has already been collected or recorded will be destroyed.

e. Notwithstanding the general prohibition against collecting off-post weapons information, IAW NDAA 2011 a commander may collect off-post weapons information of a Soldier for the purpose of an investigation, prosecution, or adjudication of (i) an alleged violation of law, (ii) a threat to self, (iii) a threat to others. For purposes of this exception, commanders can and should initiate an investigation into potential threats of violence when commanders come to a reasoned conclusion based on evidence that a threat exists.

f. IAW § 1057 of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013* (NDAA 2013), if a commander or a health professional that is a member of the Armed Forces or a DoD civilian employee has reasonable grounds to believe a Service Member is at risk for suicide or causing harm to others, the commander or health professional can inquire into the Soldier's plans to acquire a POF, or any information regarding an already owned POF or ammunition.

g. When a commander believes a Soldier who resides off-post is at risk for suicide or causing harm to others, the commander may also ask the Soldier to voluntarily turn-in his or her POFs for storage regardless of where the POFs are usually kept.

h. When a commander believes a Soldier who resides off-post is at risk to harm to self or others, the commander may move the Soldier on post.

i. Commanders should seek the advice of their servicing judge advocate prior to taking any action or collecting any information concerning privately owned weapons maintained off post.

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4. PUNITIVE ORDER. This policy is punitive and is intended to be a lawful general order and regulation within the meaning of Article 92, UCMJ, and 18 USC 1382. Violations of this policy may result in punitive action under the UCMJ, adverse administrative action, or both. Civilian government employees and civilians who violate this policy may be subject to prosecution in the United States Magistrate Court, barred from post, referred to civilian authorities, or subject to disciplinary and administrative action according to appropriate civilian personnel regulations.

5. EXPIRATION. This Command Policy Memorandum supersedes Command Policy CG-02 dated 20 May 2011. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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