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NAS PATUXENT RIVER INSTRUCTION 5510.16M

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Patuxent River

Subj: PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

Ref: (a) Navy Regulations, Article 1159  
(b) OPNAVINST 5530.14E  
(c) NASPAXRIVINST 11015.6J CH-1  
(d) NASPAXRIVINST 1747.2Q  
(e) NASPAXRIVINST 5580.3  
(f) NAVADMIN 272/17

Encl: (1) Authorization to Carry Letter

1. Purpose. To publish procedures for the possession, registration, and use of privately owned firearms and weapons aboard Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NASPR), Webster Outlying Field, and Navy Recreation Center Solomons.
2. Cancellation. NASPAXRIVINST 5510.16L
3. Background. No person shall have a privately owned firearm or dangerous instrument, device, compound, or any highly explosive article aboard any craft, aircraft, vehicle, or any ship of the naval service, within any base, or another place under naval jurisdiction except when a privately owned weapon is necessary to the proper performance of his/her duties or has been authorized by proper authority. A weapon is defined as being capable of discharging a projectile by pressure or propellant, which includes BB guns, air pistols, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows. The possession of other dangerous or deadly weapons (including, but not limited to, metal knuckles, razors, switchblade knives, star knives, dirk knives, bowie knives, nunchaku, or sand club) is strictly prohibited. Knives with a blade length longer than 2.5 inches are not authorized onboard the installation, except for bona fide hunting/fishing trips, or if such a knife is required or authorized for the performance of official duties. NASPR is under exclusive Federal jurisdiction and the purview of the Assimilative Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C. § 13.
4. Applicability. This instruction applies to all persons onboard NASPR.
5. Action.
  - a. Commanders, Department Heads/Installation Program Directors, tenant Officers-in-Charge, and unit COs will give wide dissemination of this information to ensure that all hands have knowledge of prescribed regulations.

- b. Staff Judge Advocate may process violators per the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
  - c. Special Assistant United States Attorney may prosecute violators per the Assimilative Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C, § 13, as applicable.
  - d. Conduct in violation of this regulation may be considered a threat to public safety and basis for barment from NAS Patuxent River properties, or other disciplinary or administrative actions.
6. Transportation. All privately owned firearms and weapons must be approved by the Installation Commanding Officer (ICO), or his or her designee, prior to transport or storage onboard NASPR. Transportation of personally owned firearms and ammunition shall be conducted IAW the following conditions:
- a. Privately owned firearms may be transported only after NSF have been notified
  - b. Privately owned firearms must be unloaded and transported in the trunk of the vehicle or, if the vehicle has no trunk, be disassembled or secured with an approved individual trigger or chamber-style lock. The firearm must then be stored in a locked container.
  - c. Privately owned ammunition will be transported in a separate compartment from the one in which a firearm that is capable of firing that ammunition is stored (e.g. ammunition stored in the glove box while its associated weapon is stored in an interior lockable storage container).
  - d. In all cases, individuals will comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning firearm transportation.
  - e. Privately owned firearms which may be carried concealed off base, must be properly stored or transported while within the property lines and federal jurisdiction of NAS Pax River.
  - f. Privately owned firearms must be properly stored or transported unless being overtly carried for their intended purpose at their intended place (e.g. out for use at the trap and skeet range, hunting IAW the hunting program, etc).
7. Storage. The Installation Commander or designee may approve the storage of properly registered personal firearms in on-base Navy or military family housing, including on-base family PPV housing, and in existing Navy armories or weapons containers. Personal firearms storage in other locations on-base is NOT authorized (e.g, Bachelor Quarters , automobiles, and work centers). All privately owned firearms must be approved and authorized to be stored on NAS Patuxent River.
- a. Personally owned firearms must be stored in either a locked container or locked gun rack, or secured with an approved individual trigger or chamber-style gun lock that prevents loading or

firing. Ammunition must be stored in a separate locked container. All weapons must be registered with the Security Department Pass and ID Office, and a permit issued prior to transporting or storing the weapon on NASPR. In housing, possession, registering, handling, and storage are the direct responsibility of the adult sponsor assigned to housing.

b. Individuals storing privately owned firearms and ammunition in family housing (to include all PPV housing) will ensure firearms and ammunition are inaccessible to unauthorized persons and minors.

c. Permission to store privately owned firearms or weapons in housing may be revoked when or if the Security Department responds to a call for service that may result in someone being charged with a crime of Domestic Violence. In such cases, all weapons will be seized and placed in an appropriate NAS armory or storage facility until return of the weapon(s) has been authorized in writing by the Installation CO to its owner. At no time will privately owned ammunition be stored in the Armory.

d. A locally developed receipt will be provided to the owner of the personally owned firearm when turned into the storage facility and retrieved when the firearm is signed out.

e. When an individual's privilege to keep all privately owned weapons in on-base housing has been revoked, privately owned firearms, weapons, and ammunition must be removed from the installation within one working day.

f. Ammunition must always be stored in a locked container that is separate from where a weapon is stored that is capable of firing that ammunition.

g. In all cases, individuals will comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations concerning firearm ownership, possession, registration, and use.

h. Per § 921 of Title 10 U.S.C., a secure gun storage device means a safe, gun safe, gun case, lock box, or other device that is designed to be, or can be, used to store a firearm and that is designed to be unlocked only by means of a key, combination, or other similar means. A vehicle glove box and center console that are lockable and locked are considered a secure gun storage device.

#### 8. Registration, Inventory, Receipt, and De-registration.

a. Privately owned firearms and weapons will be registered in BASICS-II by the Security Department Pass and ID Office (Bldg. 2189) to authorized individuals. Individuals registering privately owned firearms and/or weapons shall provide the following information:

(1) DD Form 2760 (obtained from the Security Department)

(2) Proof of Ownership

(3) Serial Numbers

(4) Caliber

(5) Make

(6) Model

(7) Manufacturer

(8) Valid Identification

b. BASICS-II registration must be completed prior to transporting the privately owned firearms or other weapons on to the installation.

c. Privately owned firearms will be identified by manufacturer, caliber, model, and serial number. This information will be included on the registration.

d. Semi-annual sight inventories by serial number will be conducted of all privately owned firearms stored in the Security Department Ready for Issue (RFI) facility or Small Arms Range.

e. RFI or Range personnel shall document each time the owner of a personal firearm removes and returns the personal firearm to storage.

f. Privately owned firearms approved for storage in an existing installation armory or magazine shall not be stored in the same container or weapons rack with government owned firearms, ammunition, or explosives.

g. Privately owned firearms brought onto the installation after normal duty hours shall be stored at the Security Department RFI facility. The Security Department RFI shall only be utilized for short-term storage of personally owned weapons (i.e., less than 30 days). Storage for longer periods will require the transfer of personally owned weapons to the Small Arms Range. Weapons stored in the Small Arms Range will not be accessible by owners outside of normal duty hours.

h. Introduction, possession, and/or storage of illegal or unauthorized firearms (i.e. automatic machine guns, short barreled long arms, etc.) is not authorized onboard the installation.

#### 9. Concealed or Loaded Handguns.

a. Individual state licenses or permits that authorize individuals to carry concealed handguns are not recognized or valid on Navy installations. Under no circumstances will the transportation of loaded or concealed handguns, shotguns, or rifles be permitted on Navy installations except by duly authorized law enforcement personnel or by military personnel in the performance of their official duties.

b. Personnel with valid LEOSA credential shall keep a copy of their Authorization to Carry letter with their firearm at all times.

#### 10. Use.

a. Privately owned firearms and weapons may be used in appropriate areas. Individuals authorized to hunt must comply with all requirements of reference (c).

b. Weapon permits will be issued to personnel authorized to hunt/trap aboard NASPR who meet the requirements outlined in reference (c), and to members of approved shooting clubs aboard NASPR per reference (d). This permit authorizes the transportation/return of weapons to and from authorized hunting/shooting areas.

c. No weapon will be discharged within 150 yards of any occupied building.

d. The Conservation Officer will maintain the list and maps of designated ranges for various types of weapons.

e. Anyone who brings a non-concealed weapon aboard NASPR and meets the requirements of reference (c) or (d) will immediately proceed to an authorized usage area, residence, or the Security Department Headquarters to surrender their weapon(s) for storage when it is not in use at an authorized area.

f. Federal, State or Local Civilian Law Enforcement Officers ( Deputy Sheriffs, State Troopers, DNR Police, etc) are required to follow their departmental policy on carrying, wearing, storing, and transporting of department issued/owned weapon(s) while onboard NAS Pax River. It is their direct responsibility to notify base security or the Regional Dispatch Center at (301)342-3208 should any incident occur while aboard NASPR.

11. Review Authority. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the Security Officer will review this instruction annually, on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency for Federal, DoD, and Navy policy and statutory authority. This instruction will automatically expire five years after effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 5-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.



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