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## BASE ORDER 5500.1G

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: POSSESSION, REGISTRATION, USE, AND SALE OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS

Ref: (a) MCO P4066.13E  
(b) 18 U.S.C. 922  
(c) CMC 221220Z Jul 98 (ALMAR 290/98) Lautenburg Amendment

Encl: (1) Sample Authorization to Purchase a Pistol Letter  
(2) Firearms Regulations Acknowledgment Form  
(3) NC General Statute 14-315.1

1. Purpose. To publish regulations concerning the possession, use, and sale of privately owned firearms, weapons, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, and pyrotechnics by all personnel aboard Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Lejeune.

2. Cancellation. BO 5500.1F.

3. Definitions

a. "Firearms," as expressed in this Order, include devices, which propel projectiles by explosive gaseous expansion.

b. "Weapons," as expressed in this Order, include: air rifles, air pistols, starter pistols, blank and similar-type pistols. Other items (i.e. bow, K-bar or metallic knuckles) that may be designed specifically to cause grievous, bodily harm are also included in this definition.

4. General

a. Possessing, carrying, displaying, firing, or discharging any firearm on Base, other than as authorized by the Commanding General, MCB, Camp Lejeune, is prohibited.

b. Recreational shooting, hunting, and target practice on Base are permitted in approved areas. Recreational shooting, hunting, and target practice by persons under 16 years of age are prohibited unless they are under the direct supervision/ immediate control of a parent, guardian, officer, or staff non-commissioned officer.

5. Possession and Registration of Firearms and Weapons

a. Reference (b), as amended 30 September 1996, makes it a felony for anyone convicted of a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms or dispose of a firearm to any person they know or reasonably believe has such a conviction. Reference (c) defines a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence".

b. Military personnel residing in barracks or bachelor quarters:

(1) Will register their privately owned firearms with the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO), Administrative Section (PMO Admin), and then deliver the firearms to their organizational commander, who will issue receipts and provide a place of safekeeping for the firearms.

(2) Weapons, other than firearms as defined in paragraph 3b, will not be registered, but will be delivered to the organizational commander for safekeeping in the same manner as firearms.

c. Personnel residing in Base family housing/quarters:

(1) Will register all privately owned firearms retained in their quarters with PMO Admin.

(2) After registering firearms, will read and sign enclosure (2), acknowledging authorization to maintain firearms in family housing/quarters.

(3) Weapons and firearms as defined in paragraph 3b will be made inaccessible to children at all times and should be disassembled or placed in a secure location when not in use.

d. Any military issued firearm, which may be authorized by the Commanding General, MCB, Camp Lejeune for retention in government quarters must be locked with an approved safety device when not in use. This device must prevent the

unintentional discharge of the firearm.

e. All Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) shotguns are not required to be registered with PMO Admin, but all other provisions of this Order apply.

f. Base civilian personnel who are required to carry firearms while performing their duties will register their firearms with PMO Admin.

g. All personnel who register their firearms will notify PMO Admin when they sell or dispose of their firearms or transfer to a new duty station.

h. Unregistered firearms found aboard Camp Lejeune will be confiscated and maintained as evidence until judicial proceedings are completed, and the weapons are properly registered aboard Base before being returned to their rightful owner.

6. Possession of Ammunition

a. Personal ammunition of military personnel residing on Base, but not in family quarters/housing, will be delivered to organizational commanders, who will issue receipts and provide a place of safekeeping.

b. Ammunition for privately owned firearms may be retained in family quarters/housing.

7. Possession of Explosives, Fireworks, and Pyrotechnics. The possession or use of explosives, fireworks, or pyrotechnics is prohibited, except as required in the performance of official duties.

8. Purchase of Pistols and Revolvers

a. Military Personnel

(1) Personnel desiring to purchase a pistol or revolver, as defined in paragraph 3, will first obtain an authorization letter (enclosure (1)) from their commanding officer.

(2) All letters will include the organizational heading and comply with the following guidelines:

(a) Letter must include date when typed.

(b) The letter will be written by the person's commanding officer and addressed to the Onslow County Sheriff's Department; 701 Mill Avenue; Jacksonville, NC 28540.

(c) The first paragraph will include:

1. Complete identification of person requesting authorization to purchase firearms, including grade, SSN, MOS, and service.

2. A statement that the individual's records have been reviewed and that he or she is of good character.

(d) The second paragraph will include the number of permits requested.

(e) The third paragraph will include the complete address where the firearm will be retained.

(f) The fourth paragraph will state that the purchaser has been advised that he/she must register the firearm with PMO Admin at MCB, Camp Lejeune.

(g) The fifth paragraph will state that the purchaser has been advised that he/she must comply with the rules and regulations concerning the ownership, transportation, and use of firearms aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune and the state of North Carolina.

(h) The sixth paragraph will state that the form is null and void if not used within ten working days from date of issue.

(i) Commanding officer or acting commanding officer must sign the letter. By direction will not be accepted.

(j) Signature by the purchaser is required and denotes consent for a local records check and confirmation that information contained in the request is correct.

b. Dependents desiring to purchase or maintain firearms on Base must have their sponsors register the firearms, as directed in paragraph 6 and 9a of this Order.

c. All purchasers will take their letters to PMO Admin for local records check. A copy of the request will be retained at PMO Admin. The original should then be taken to the Onslow County Sheriff's Department, where the purchaser may obtain the appropriate State Permit to purchase firearms.

9. Sales of Firearms at the Marine Corps Exchange. Paragraph 3007.1K of reference (a) authorizes the Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) to sell certain types of firearms and weapons. Firearms sales will be subject to the following controls:

a. Handguns (pistols/revolvers) will be sold to active duty members assigned to Camp Lejeune if they are 21 years of age and older and have the written authorization of their commanding officers. Enclosure (1) will be used for this purpose.

b. Handguns (pistols/revolvers) will be sold to other bona fide MCX patrons with presentation of a permit issued by the Onslow County Sheriff's Department, as required by reference (b).

c. Paragraph 3364 of reference (a) prohibits the sale or delivery of any handgun or handgun ammunition to any individual under age 21, or any firearms, ammunition or gunpowder to anyone under age 18.

d. The sale of all firearms will be recorded per the instructions contained in references (a) and (b).

#### 10. Personal Sales

a. Individuals may advertise to buy or sell personal firearms or weapons in Camp Lejeune's *THE GLOBE*, but they are reminded of the required registration of the firearm. Reference (b) and North Carolina State laws apply to the resale of firearms and weapons whether retained on or off Base.

b. When purchasing privately owned weapons from personnel who reside on Base and the weapon is to be retained aboard Base, the purchaser must present a bill of sale to PMO prior to registration of the weapon.

11. Concealed Firearms and Weapons. It is unlawful to carry a concealed firearm or any weapon that could cause bodily harm, unless authorized by the Commanding General, MCB, Camp Lejeune.

12. Transporting of Privately Owned Firearms Aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune

a. It is unlawful to transport a firearm in a vehicle unless the firearm is secured in a locked vehicle trunk. If the vehicle does not have a trunk, the firearm will be secured inside a locked case or locked glove compartment while aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune.

b. No loaded firearm will be transported. All ammunition will be separated from the firearm.

13. North Carolina Law

a. The possession and use, sale or other disposal, and registration of certain firearms by personnel residing off Base are subject to the provisions of North Carolina (NC) laws.

b. The possessions set forth by NC General Statute 14-415.10 (Concealed Weapons) will not apply to MCB, Camp Lejeune.

14. Penalties. Violations of the provisions of this Order by military personnel are punishable as violations of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and can subject the violator to court-martial or other judicial or administrative proceedings.

15. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Commanding Generals, II Marine Expeditionary Force, 2D Marine Division, 2D Force Service Support Group, II MEF Augmentation Command Element, and by the Commanding Officers of the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Naval Hospital, and the Naval Dental Clinic.

16. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

  
W. A. MEIER  
Chief of Staff

Distribution: A plus  
BPMO (10)  
MCXO (5)

SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A PISTOL LETTER

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE  
MARINE CORPS BASE  
PSC BOX 20087  
CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA 28542-0087

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
5500  
BPMO  
DATE

From: Provost Marshal, Provost Marshal's Office, Installation  
Security and Safety, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune  
To: Onslow County Sheriff's Department, 701 Mill Avenue,  
Jacksonville, North Carolina 28540  
Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A PISTOL(S)/REVOLVER(S)  
Ref: (a) MCO 5500.6F  
(b) North Carolina State Law 14-403

1. Per reference (a) and (b), Sergeant Angel J. Alicea 123 45 6789/0151 USMC, is hereby authorized to purchase a pistol/revolver. There are no derogatory remarks in his/her Service Record Book to preclude this purchase. The purchaser is of good moral character.

2. It is requested that (1) permit be issued.

3. The pistol/revolver will be retained at 623 Butler Drive, Midway Park, NC 28544.

4. The purchaser has been advised that he must register the firearm with PMO Admin at Camp Lejeune (if the weapon is to be stored on Base). \_\_\_\_\_

5. The purchaser has been advised that he must comply with the rules and regulations concerning the ownership, transportation and use of firearms aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune and in the State of North Carolina. \_\_\_\_\_

6. This form is null and void if not used within 10 working days from the date of issue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchaser's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commanding Officer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type Name and Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type Name and Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Command Telephone Number

## FIREARMS REGULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have read and understand BO 5500.1G (Possession, Registration, Use, and Sale of Privately Owned Firearms, Weapons, Ammunition, Explosives, Fireworks, and Pyrotechnics). Specifically, I understand the following:

1. All of my privately owned firearms and weapons will be stored in either my unit armory or my quarters (other than BEQ or BOQ rooms). Firearms and weapons retained in my assigned quarters will be inaccessible to minors at all times and will be disassembled or locked. A device such as a trigger lock, gun safe, strong box, or cable lock can be used to secure each weapon.
2. Ammunition must be stored separately from firearms.
3. All firearms will remain unloaded until I am actually participating in authorized recreational shooting or hunting.
4. When transporting firearms or weapons, they will be unloaded and secured in the trunk of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a trunk (i.e. truck, hatchback, van etc.) the firearms or weapons may be in the passenger compartment inside a locked case or compartment.
5. Under no circumstances will firearms, weapons, or ammunition be permanently stored in a privately owned vehicle aboard the Base.
6. Carrying a concealed weapon is prohibited aboard the Base.
7. Defiance of these regulations constitutes violations of lawful orders other than general orders and may be prosecuted under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or applicable federal or state statutes, as appropriate.

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Purchaser's Signature

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Date

ENCLOSURE (2)



## NC GENERAL STATUTE 14-315.1

Upon the retail/commercial sale or transfer of any firearm, the seller or transferor will deliver a written copy of North Carolina General Statute 14-315.1 to the purchaser or transferee. Additionally, any retail or wholesale store, shop or sales outlet that sells firearms will conspicuously post at each purchase counter the following warning in block letters not less than one inch in height: "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM THAT CAN BE DISCHARGED IN A MANNER THAT A RESPONSIBLE PERSON SHOULD KNOW IS ACCESSIBLE TO A MINOR". A violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor under NC law.

"14-315.1. Storage of Firearms to Protect Minors.

a. Any person who resides in the same premises as a minor, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm (i) in a condition that the firearm can be discharged and (ii) in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, is guilty of a misdemeanor if a minor gains access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the owner:

(1) Possesses it in violation of G.S. 14-269.2(b);

(2) Exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner;

(3) Causes personal injury or death with it not in self-defense; or

(4) Uses it in the commission of a crime.

b. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person from carrying a firearm on his/her body, or placed in such close proximity that it can be used as easily and quickly as if carried on the body.

c. This section shall not apply if the minor obtained the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry by any person.

d. 'Minor' as used in this section means a person under 18 years of age who is not emancipated."

I have received a copy of NC G.S. 14-315.1

ENCLOSURE (3)