



# **SEMPER SAFE**



## **Enjoy Hunting on Camp Lejeune**

I know some would say hunting is basic common sense, but there are at least 1000 hunting related injuries every year, and nearly 100 are fatal. Make sure you know exactly what you are shooting at before pulling the trigger, and ensure you're transporting your weapons safely and responsibly.



According to the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Paul Boniface, some of the issues that have been common for hunters aboard the base are things such as not checking in and out of hunting areas properly, transportation of weapons, and illegal hunting of wildlife in accordance with the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 5090.115, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Boat Launching and Firewood Regulations order. Some personnel have even been caught poaching alligators like the TV series Swamp People, which is against the law in the state of NC. If you are found poaching alligators in NC, you can be subject to federal/state charges and a big fine.

If a person wants to hunt aboard Camp Lejeune, they must first ensure they get a permit to hunt on base. A state permit is still needed along with the base permit. Once you are registered, you need to log onto the Electronic Fish and Wildlife Conservation Tracking System (EFAWCTS) at: <http://www1.mcieast.usmc.mil/EFAWACTS>

This website will allow you to check-in and check-out of the hunting areas you are using. This is a major concern with hunters aboard the base. They check in and then forget to check out of the range after the hunt is completed.

If you do not check out appropriately, the first time offense is a seven day suspension of your hunting and fishing privileges on base. The second offense is 30 day suspension, and a third offense would be a court order appearance.



For more information on hunting aboard the base, go to the Conservation Law Enforcement Website at: <http://www.lejeune.marines.mil/OfficesStaff/ConservationLawEnforcement.aspx>



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The following 14 “*Commandments of Hunting Safety*”  
can be used to avoid trouble

- Take a hunter safety course; knowing the rules are the key to safe hunting!
- Firearms, alcohol or drugs (including the prescription kind) do not mix
- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, leave the safety on until your are ready to shoot
- Wear appropriate clothing for the elements and make yourself visible to other hunters
- Know your target and what is beyond your target
- Never point the muzzle of a gun at anything you don't intend to shoot
- Never pick up a firearm by the muzzle
- If friends are with you, give your firearm to one of them before crossing obstacles
- Tell a dependable person where you're hunting and when you plan to return
- Always wear a safety belt in tree stands
- Always use a cord or rope to raise and lower all equipment in tree stands
- Never raise or lower a gun from your stand with the bolt or magazine action closed
- Bring along a cell phone or two-way radio for emergency communications
- Use smart ORM or personal risk management to avoid potential mishaps

If you are hunting waterfowl, ensure you have purchased the required Federal duck stamp which is \$15. If you do not, you could be subject to a \$175 fine.



Obey all the rules of safety and insist that those around you do the same. Obey all game laws and insist that those hunting with you do likewise. Do your best to acquire marksmanship and hunting skills that assure clean, sportsmanlike skills. Support conservation efforts that assure good hunting for future generations and you will enjoy hunting safely.

**Commanders, Leaders, and Supervisors:** Ensure your personnel are made aware of these safety tips and other precautions to keep their on and off-duty activities mishap free. For more information contact your MCIEAST-MCB Safety Office, Game Wardens Office, or Unit Safety Officers.

***As Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, Sailors, civilian employees or family members, and remember SEMPER SAFE!***