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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR the Fort Belvoir Bowhunters

SUBJECT: 2016-2017 Fort Belvoir Bowhunting Program Procedures, Restrictions and Rules.

1. Purpose. To inform eligible patrons of Procedures, Restrictions and Rules for the 2016-2017 Bowhunting Season.

2. Eligibility. Active Duty, Retired Military, Department of Defense (DoD) Civilians, Family Members and Non-Affiliated Civilians are eligible to hunt on Fort Belvoir.

3. Authorization. All hunting activities on Fort Belvoir are authorized and controlled by the Garrison Commander in compliance with applicable Federal, Commonwealth of Virginia, and Fort Belvoir laws and regulations. Failure to strictly adhere to the procedures, rules and restrictions set forth in this document may result in permanent loss of hunting privileges on Fort Belvoir and/or criminal prosecution.

4. Hunting Registration.

a. Registration: Hunters must register each year with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) Outdoor Recreation (ODR), 10155 Swift Road, Building 778. Instructions and information on registering to participate in the Bowhunting Program on Fort Belvoir are posted and available at DFMWR ODR, and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

b. Registration Card: Hunters must complete the hunter registration form with all current personal information to include the required hunting licenses and permits.

c. Qualification Fee: The hunter will be required to pay a qualification fee to become a registered hunter on Fort Belvoir. The fee is collected at the time of qualification.

d. Qualification Process: Hunters must qualify with the type of bow they will be using during the season. Additional information about the qualification process is posted at DFMWR ODR, and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

e. Hunt Card: The hunter will be issued a white hunt card with all necessary stickers. The hunt card is required to participate in the Bowhunting program. It is used for identification and verification of a hunter's status. An active hunter must have their hunt card in possession at all times.

5. Hunting Procedures.

a. Reservations: Hunters must make a reservation thru HunTrac. Reservation instructions are posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

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b. HunTrac: A telephone prompted reservation system is used to make bowhunting reservations. No reservation will be taken in person or over the phone by any ODR staff member unless HunTrac is not operational. Under that circumstance you may call 703-805-3081/3866 during operational hours to make a reservation. HunTrac instructions are posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website. Report issues with HunTrac to ODR staff.

c. Check-in and Check-out: A hunter with a reservation is required to check-in/out at ODR by the prescribed times. Reservations that are made overnight require the hunter to pick up passes by 0600, if the hunter fails to do so the reservation will be lost and a suspension administered. Check-in/out procedures with specific times are posted at ODR.

d. Requirements: Hunters are required to have the following in possession at all times when engaged in bowhunting on Fort Belvoir:

(1) Required Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Licenses and/or permits. Hunters are required to know and follow all state and federal licensing and permit requirements.

(2) ODR Hunt Card.

(3) ODR Hunting Pass.

6. Restrictions.

a. Seasons: 1 October 2016 – 7 January 2017

(1) Scouting Season: 10 -24 October. Scouting is authorized during normal Outdoor Recreation business hours.

(2) Other Wildlife may be harvested with archery equipment while the hunter is actively hunting deer and/or turkey. The hunter may only harvest other wildlife that is in season during the hours designated for deer and/or turkey hunting.

(a) If pursuing other wildlife, the hunter must ensure they are acting in accordance with all Fort Belvoir and VDGIF hunting regulations and seasons.

(b) Deer may not be taken during the Spring Gobbler Season.

b. Program Hours of Operation: Hunting is only authorized when ODR is open. Hunting is never authorized when ODR is closed. If the installation is in a Yellow or Red operating status ODR will not open. For Fort Belvoir operating status call 703-805-3030.

c. Bag Limits: It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and follow appropriate seasons and bag limits. The daily bag limit for deer on Fort Belvoir is unlimited as long as the hunter has all appropriate tags and follows the Earn a Buck (EAB) program rules. Deer Management

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Assistance Program (DMAP) tags will be issued at Check in. Unused DMAP tags must be returned to ODR each day. Bonus tags are valid for antlerless deer only.

d. The EAB program: During a license year, it shall be unlawful to take a second antlered deer in Fairfax County prior to taking at least two antlerless deer in Fairfax County, and it shall be unlawful to take a third antlered deer in Fairfax County prior to taking at least three antlerless deer in Fairfax County.

e. Archery Tackle: Is the only legal means for hunting on Fort Belvoir. Compound and Recurve/longbows are the only bows authorized. Crossbows are only authorized for persons with a Medical Disability Waiver on file and/or youth 17 years of age or younger.

(1) No archery tackle is allowed in the hunting areas except when in a currently permitted hunter's possession. Currently permitted means that he or she has signed in at ODR, has received a current hunting pass, and is assigned to that hunting area or is going to or from the assigned hunting area and is hunting within the legal time limits and other constraints set by VDGIF and Fort Belvoir.

(a) Longbows and Recurve bows must be unstrung or cased in non-hunting hours.

(b) Compound bows and crossbows must be cased or locked in non-hunting hours.

(2) This restriction includes possession of a weapon other than archery equipment in a vehicle while hunting or traveling to/from a hunting area. **No concealed weapons permits are valid on Fort Belvoir.**

f. Hunting Area Restrictions: There is a list posted at ODR that shows the area restrictions, open areas and the maximum number of hunters per area. A map of the Bowhunting areas is posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

(1) Areas F-1, F-2, T-1, T-4, T-6B, T-6C, T-7, T-8, T-9A, T-9, T-10, T-17, W-1, W-3, W-5, W-6, and W-7 are designated as Quality Deer Management (QDM) areas with the following conditions and/or restrictions: Harvested bucks must have at least 4 points on a side or an outside antler spread of at least 15 and one-half inches. Point length must be at least one inch. This antler restriction for QDM areas will not apply to hunters 15 years of age or younger.

(2) Housing Area Restrictions: H-1, H-2, H-4, H-5, and H-6 are restricted to Monday-Friday from 30 minutes before sunrise to 1500 (3 p.m.). These areas are closed to hunting whenever Fairfax County public schools are closed. Only elevated tree stand hunting is permitted.

(3) Hunters must enter hunting areas directly from the parking area using the most direct route. Hunters are not authorized to enter a hunting area from an unauthorized parking space.

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(4) Tree Stand Usage: The following hunting areas require tree stands- H-1,H-2, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-13, H-14, H-15, T-1, T-4, T-15A, T-17, W-1, W-3, F-3, F-4, tree stands may be used in other areas but are not required.

(a) Placement of a tree stand may be done during the scouting season or during the hunting season but only when the hunter has a scouting pass or a hunting pass. No hunter is to enter an area to place a tree stand without passes from ODR.

(b) Tree stands are permitted to remain secured in a tree during the normal hunting season at the hunter's own risk. All tree stands must be removed from all hunting areas at the end of the hunting season. Tree stands left in a hunting area after this time may be removed and disposed of as abandoned property. Portable tree stands, which are not permanently affixed, must be used.

(c) The use of a safety harness while hunting from elevated tree stands is mandatory. The hunter must stay attached at all times when off the ground.

(5) Closure of Hunting Areas: Some hunting areas may close due to training or other reasons at any time. ODR may have to cancel hunter's reservations under these circumstances.

(6) Parking: A description of authorized parking areas for each hunting area is posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website. Hunters must park in the designated parking areas with the appropriate parking pass properly displayed. Parking passes must be displayed on the inside left corner of the vehicle windshield and be visible for verification by the Federal Game Warden. Parking anywhere other than an authorized parking area is strictly prohibited.

g. Dogs and organized group hunting such as "drives" are prohibited.

h. Youth and Apprentice Bowhunters: Youth, 17 years old or younger, and apprentice hunters must be accompanied and supervised by a licensed adult. The specific Youth and Apprentice hunting requirements are posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

7. Rules.

a. No firearms are allowed in the hunting areas under any circumstance. Concealed weapons permits are not valid on Fort Belvoir.

b. Hunting is not authorized within 100 yards of any occupied buildings, recreation site, airfield, work place, construction sites, or paved roads including all property adjacent to Fort Belvoir. Under no circumstance will a hunter come within 100 yards of a fenced security area.

c. Hunting areas are off limits to unauthorized personnel. Persons are not to enter any hunting areas without the proper passes obtained from ODR. Hunting is the only reason access to these areas is permitted.

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d. Harvested deer and turkey must be covered and out of public view during transport on Fort Belvoir. Gut piles will be left in the hunting area and discretely covered or hidden. Public dumpsters on Fort Belvoir are not to be used for the deposit of any animal remains.

e. Hunters will not disturb any survey stakes or flagging in the hunting areas.

f. Safety: Each hunter is individually responsible for their own safety. Registered Adult hunters are responsible for-

(1) Personal equipment, field of shot and identifying their target. Arrows will not be shot in the direction of roadways or walkways.

(2) Not placing another person(s) in danger or destroying others property.

(3) Youth and/or apprentice hunters. Adult hunters must ensure the youth/apprentice hunters are in accordance with all Fort Belvoir, Local, State and Federal Rules and Regulations.

(4) Reporting all safety violations and unsafe conditions. Unsafe conditions may include but are not limited to: weather, training, maintenance, and UXO's. Report trainings in open hunting areas immediately.

g. Reporting: Hunters are held responsible for reporting Violations and Harvest Data.

(1) Violations: Anyone observing or hearing of any Fort Belvoir, State or Federal, Regulation, Restriction and/or Rule violation must be immediately reported to a Federal Game Warden at 703-806-3105.

(2) Harvest Data: Hunters must individually report harvest data to ODR after each hunt.

(a) A hunter must notch the appropriate tag on the big game license, bonus tag, or DMAP tag if an antlerless deer, prior to moving the animal. Do not remove the tag from your license.

(b) All deer and/or turkey harvested on Fort Belvoir must be reported using the VDGIF internet or phone harvest reporting system. VDGIF will provide a confirmation number. The harvested animal must be taken to the ODR building 778 without delay. The confirmation number must be reported to ODR during the wildlife check-in process. Fort Belvoir is located in Fairfax County for reporting purposes.

(c) Hunters are required to comply with the collection of data at ODR including deer weight, antler measurement, and removal of the lower jawbone. Broken jawbones, jawbones with missing and/or broken teeth, and upper jawbones will not be accepted - in such case the opposite lower jawbone must be removed.

(d) Hunters have 30 calendar days to turn in their jawbones.

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(e) Hunters who do not turn in their jawbones within the 30 day window will be in violation of Fort Belvoir hunting rules and regulations. If the jawbone is not returned the hunter will be suspended until the jaw bone is turned in to ODR.

h. No deer or turkey may be taken off Fort Belvoir without first being properly checked at ODR in accordance with the above procedures and accompanied by an official VDGIF confirmation number. Animals may be taken to Building 2124, Fort Belvoir Police Station, if recovered during afterhours tracking. Harvest data must be reported to ODR the next day to include antler measurements, sex and jaw bone. Weight will not be required.

i. Tracking: Only registered hunters can track harvested game. Tracking procedures are posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

j. Army Regulations and Policies: Hunters must be in accordance with all Army Regulations and Policies, including but not limited to: speed limits, consumption of alcoholic beverages, littering, trespassing, and natural resources protection.

k. Responsibility: Bowhunters are Responsible for:

(1) The loss of hunt cards, hunting passes, parking passes and keys.

(2) Not exhibiting disrespectful and/or unruly behavior, profanity, bad sportsmanship, and/or upsetting the sensibilities of the non-hunting public.

(3) Returning to ODR by the prescribed time posted at ODR and on the www.belvoirmwr.com website.

l. **Do not disturb or remove any items from Fort Belvoir.** This includes but is not limited to old munitions, training equipment, UXO's, artifacts, etc. Any UXO's need to be immediately reported to 703-806-3105. **DO NOT TOUCH SUSPECTED UXO AT ANY TIME.**

9. Violations: Any hunter in violation of the Fort Belvoir Bowhunting Program Procedures, Restrictions and Rules, Local, State, and/or Federal Policies, Laws or Regulations will be held accountable through criminal prosecution and/or loss of hunting privileges. A hunter's privilege may be restricted, suspended and/or revoked based on the violation.

a. Failure to strictly adhere to these procedures, restrictions and rules set forth in this document may result in the permanent loss of hunting privileges on Fort Belvoir and/or criminal prosecution.

(1) For major violations Policy Memorandum #43, Hunting Review Board (HRB) will be utilized.

(2) For minor violations the ODR Director or Representative and/or a Federal Game Warden will issue suspensions up to 30 hunting days.


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b. For more information on the HRB, see the Fort Belvoir Hunting Review Board Policy online or posted at ODR.

10. Changes: Fort Belvoir Bowhunting Procedures, Restrictions and Rules are subject to change at any time during the Bowhunting season. Changes will be posted at ODR. All hunters are responsible for knowing posted changes and updates.

11. The POC for this memorandum is Ms. Brianna Kipper, ODR Director, 703-805-1488.


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By signing this document I, _____ (Full Name), acknowledge, understand and agree to adhere to the Fort Belvoir Bowhunting Program Procedures, Restrictions and Rules for the 2016-2017 bowhunting season authorized on Fort Belvoir. By signing this document I also understand that it is my responsibility to read, understand and follow all procedures, restrictions and rules identified in this document fully. Furthermore I understand that if I do not read and understand this document prior to engaging in Bowhunting on Fort Belvoir I am in violation of this memorandum.

Signature: _____

Date: _____