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IN REPLY REFER TO:
DepO 1710.30C
MCCS
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DEPOT ORDER 1710.30C

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: RECREATIONAL FIRING (REC-FIRE)

Ref: (a) MCO 3570.1C
(b) DepO 5500.10C, Security and Control of Personal Weapons, Ammunition, and Pyrotechnics.
(c) DepO 8000.3K, Standing Operation Procedures for Ordnance.
(d) BnO 3000.1N, Standard Operating Procedures for Range Operations and Field Training.

Encl: (1) Range Safety Regulations
(2) Duties and Responsibilities
(3) Claims Waiver Sheet

1. Situation. The purpose of this order is to publish procedures for the Rec-Fire program. Compliance with this order is mandatory for all personnel participating in Rec-Fire.

2. Cancellation. DepO 1710.30B. 7 Nov 2006

3. Mission. Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) provides service members and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians with a facility to participate in Rec-Fire of personally owned firearms.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent. The range facility will be professionally operated, inexpensive, and adhere to all relevant safety regulations.

b. Concept of Operations. On selected weekends, eligible personnel will be provided an opportunity to participate in Rec-Fire of personally owned firearms on Suribachi Range at Weapons and Field Training Battalion (WFTBn), under the sponsorship of MCCS.

c. Tasks

(1) WFTBn

(a) As required, provide a certified Range Officer in Charge (ROIC) and Range Safety Officer (RSO) in order to supervise the safe conduct of all Rec-Fire events.

(b) Ensure all applicable safety procedures outlined within the references are adhered to during Rec-Fire events.

(2) MCCS

(a) Exercise staff cognizance of the Rec-Fire program.

(b) Coordinate with WFTBn for support of range supervisory personnel.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Medical emergency procedures. In the event of any medical emergency situation, the ROIC/RSO will notify emergency medical services (EMS) by dialing "911" via telephone. After EMS has been notified, the ROIC/RSO will notify the WFTBn officer of the day and the depot command duty officer.

(2) Eligibility. Participation in Rec-Fire is limited to active-duty military, retired military, dependents, DoD employees, and guests of the aforementioned personnel. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by their sponsor; children must be at least eight years old to fire. Prior to firing, all shooters must read and understand the safety regulations, sign the Rec-Fire logbook, and complete the claims waiver sheet (enclosure (3)).

(3) Ammunition. Suribachi Range is certified for .22LR, .45 caliber, 9MM and .38 caliber. As a general rule, most handgun ammunition under .50 caliber and 12 gauge ammunition for shotguns (to include slugs) may also be authorized for use on Suribachi Range. The following are prohibited from use during Rec-Fire:

(a) Magnum or "Plus P (+P)" ammunition. Shooters who possess magnum handguns may fire interchangeable, reduced power loads (e.g., .38 special in a .357 magnum, or .44 special in a .44 magnum).

(b) High-powered ammunition (e.g., 5.7x28MM), or pistols chambered for rifle calibers (e.g., .30 carbine).

(c) Rifles chambered for ammunition other than .22LR.

(4) Transportation of firearms. It is the responsibility of the shooter to comply with the references regarding the transportation of privately owned firearms aboard the depot. Additionally, all firearms stored on base within the armory or in base housing must be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office.

(5) Firearm serviceability. The serviceability of personal firearms and ammunition is the responsibility of the shooter. The ROIC or RSO will perform a user serviceability inspection on all firearms prior to their use during Rec-Fire. The user serviceability inspection is intended to determine if the firearm is in an acceptable operating condition and to identify obvious defects or conditions that render it unsafe to fire. This inspection is not intended to replace the detailed pistol components inspection following disassembly or the limited technical/pre-fire inspections conducted by a qualified armorer.

(6) Safety violations. Safety violations will be annotated in the Rec-Fire logbook. At the discretion of the ROIC, a safety violation may result in a shooter's expulsion from the range. Serious and/or multiple safety violations may result in a shooter permanently losing their privilege to participate in the Rec-Fire program.

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5. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations concerning the content of this order may be forwarded to the Director, MCCS, via the appropriate chain of command. Questions concerning Rec-Fire schedules should be referred to MCCS at 843-525-3302.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This order is applicable to MCRD/ERR, Parris Island and all participating personnel.

b. Signal. This order is effective the date signed.


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RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Hearing and eye protection are required for personnel forward of the range tower.
2. All firearms and ammunition utilized for Rec-Fire will be inspected by the ROIC or RSO prior to firing, and at any other time the ROIC/RSO deem necessary.
3. All shooters must register in the Rec-Fire logbook, read and understand all safety regulations, and complete the claims waiver sheet prior to firing.
4. Only targets approved by the ROIC/RSO will be utilized (glass and metal are not authorized).
5. Shooters must obey all commands from range personnel. Unsafe and/or disobedient shooters will be expelled from the range.
6. It is the responsibility of all personnel to sound "cease fire" (shouting "cease fire" to the persons involved in the unsafe condition, other shooters on the range, as well as range personnel) whenever they observe an unsafe condition or situation that may endanger the safety of others.
7. Firearms will not be handled in any manner when personnel are downrange, or when a "cease fire" is in effect. Additionally, all firearms will remain unloaded and benched/cased with the action open during all "cease fire" periods.
8. Shooters will remain behind the firing line until all personnel have cleared the downrange area and the command to assume positions on the firing line has been given.
9. No firearm will be loaded until the command to "commence firing" has been given. The term "loaded" is defined as any live round in the firearm - be that in the magazine, cylinder, and/or chamber.
10. Shooters will immediately report all firearms malfunctions to range personnel by raising their non-firing hand. Range personnel will supervise the shooter's performance of corrective action.
11. No firearm will leave the firing line until it has been cleared by the ROIC/RSO. Cleared firearms may leave the firing line either cased/holstered or remain with the action open in the administrative transport.
12. Prior to signing out of the Rec-Fire logbook and leaving the range, shooters will ensure that their firing point has been policed of all empty brass and trash.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Installation Range Control Officer (WFTBn) will certify all personnel assigned to the Rec-Fire range.
2. Range Officer In Charge (ROIC).
 - a. The ROIC will be assigned to and certified by WFTBn.
 - b. The ROIC will be an employee of MCCA.
 - c. The ROIC is responsible for the overall conduct of the Rec-Fire event.
 - d. The ROIC will ensure two means of communication to EMS and the WFTBn OOD is maintained.
 - e. The ROIC will visually inspect and maintain observation of the impact area to ensure it is clear of any watercraft.
 - f. The ROIC will ensure a timecard for himself and the RSO is turned into MCCA on the next business day.
3. Range Safety Officer (RSO).
 - a. The RSO will be assigned to and certified by WFTBn.
 - b. The RSO will be an employee of MCCA.
 - c. The RSO will report to WFTBn S-3 on the last business day prior to his scheduled Rec-Fire duty assignment to pick up the Rec-Fire logbook, claims waiver sheets, and sign a statement of understanding that he has read and understands his duties and responsibilities.
 - d. The RSO is responsible for the safe operation of the range and will ensure applicable safety procedures are adhered to prior to the commencement of firing.
 - e. The RSO will perform a user serviceability inspection on all firearms prior to their use during Rec-Fire. The user serviceability inspection is intended to determine if the firearm is in an acceptable operating condition and to identify obvious defects or conditions that render it unsafe to fire. This inspection is not intended to replace the detailed pistol components inspection following disassembly or the limited technical/pre-fire inspections conducted by a qualified armorer.
 - f. The RSO will ensure that all shooters have read and are familiar with the range safety regulations. The RSO will also ensure that all shooters have signed the Rec-Fire logbook and have completed a claims waiver sheet (enclosure (3)).
 - g. The RSO will visually inspect and maintain observation of the impact area to ensure it is clear of any watercraft.

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4. Line Non-commissioned Officer (Line NCO).
 - a. The Line NCO must be a qualified Combat Marksmanship Coach (MOS 0933) and assigned to WFTBn.
 - b. The Line NCO will be an employee of MCCS.
 - c. The Line NCO will assist the RSO in all his duties and responsibilities.
5. Minimum Personnel Requirements:
 - a. One ROIC.
 - b. One RSO.

CLAIMS WAIVER SHEET

Date

Shooter's printed name: _____

Subj: CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

1. I hereby agree to waive any and all claims against the United States Government for damages or accidents that may be incurred while involved in recreational firing (Rec-Fire) on this date at which privately owned firearms will be fired.

2. I further declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the firearm(s) and ammunition I will be using are safe and functional.

3. Acknowledgment of safety regulations (initial each block):

_____ Hearing and eye protection is mandatory at all times when forward of the tower.

_____ All firearms and ammunition to be used at Rec-Fire will be made available to the Range Officer in Charge (ROIC), or to the Range Safety Officer (RSO), for inspection prior to firing and at anytime the ROIC/RSO deem necessary thereafter.

_____ All shooters must fill out the Rec-Fire logbook, read the safety regulations, and sign this waiver form prior to firing.

_____ Firearms will not be handled in any way while personnel are down range or at any time "cease fire" is in effect.

_____ Firearms will be benched or cased, unloaded, and with the action open during all "cease fire" periods.

_____ All shooters must obey commands from range personnel at all times.

_____ The ROIC may expel any shooter from the range at his discretion.

_____ Only targets authorized by the ROIC may be used.

_____ Shooters will clear any malfunctions, but will do so only with the supervision of range personnel.

_____ Firearms will not leave the firing line unless they have been cleared and cased, or cleared and remain with the action open in the administrative transport.

_____ Firearms will not be loaded unless the range personnel have given the command "commence firing". The term "loaded" is defined as any live round in the firearm - be that in the magazine, cylinder, and/or chamber.

_____ All shooters must stay behind the firing line until all personnel have cleared the down-range area and the command to assume positions on the firing line has been given.

_____ Anyone observing an unsafe condition or situation will immediately call "cease fire".

4. I have read, understand, and agree to the safety regulations as outlined above.

Shooter's signature _____

ROIC printed name _____

ROIC Signature _____