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SUBJECT: Robinson Maneuver Training Center (RMTC) Policy No. 20190717,
Recreational Use Policy

1. REFERENCE:

- a. Arkansas Game and Fish Regulation
- b. MOU between AGFC and Military Department of Arkansas 20190215
- c. Command Policy No. 2015-10-08 Civilian Weapons Possession and use on Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center.
- d. Command Policy No. 2019-06-17 Civilian Access Requirements on Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center.
- e. OTAG Policy 2018-15, Possession of Privately Owned Firearms on Arkansas National Guard Property/Facilities.

2. PURPOSE. This Statement sets forth the policy implementing the program governing safe hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on the RMTC Military Installation.

3. SCOPE. This Policy Statement applies to all individuals who participate in recreational activities on RMTC and the agencies responsible for implementing the program. All provisions are subject to change by RMTC authorities. Enforcement will be by RMTC Department of Public Safety (DPS), Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC), adjoining local municipal and county Sheriff's office and Arkansas State Police (ASP) law enforcement personnel. All organized recreational activities will be coordinated and approved by Post Operations.

4. RECREATIONAL PASS ISSUING.

a. In accordance with Command Policy No. 2015- 10-08 Civilian Weapons Possession and Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center and Command Policy No. 2015-10-13 Civilian Access Requirements, all civilian personnel accessing RMTC for recreational use will be required to apply for a Recreational Pass Effective immediately, the Sportsman Membership Card will be referred to as the Recreational Pass. Background checks (ACIC) will be conducted on **ALL** civilian personnel applying for a Recreational Pass regardless of status. Recreational Passes are valid for 90 days. Once the 90 days have expired, the individual will once again have to submit for a background check (ACIC) in order to renew the pass for an additional 90 days.

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- b. Recreational Passes will not be issued as a result of the following:
 - (1) Possession of an active warrant.
 - (2) Possession of an un-expunged or unpardoned felony conviction ever.
 - (3) Registered sex offender in any state, the District of Columbia or any U.S. territory.
 - (4) Conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony crime of domestic violence.
- c. A valid ID, vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required for a Recreational Pass. Random additional inspections may be imposed at any time.
- d. Personnel can apply for and receive Recreational Passes two days a week (Monday and Thursday) 8:00 am – 11:00 am and 12:00 pm -3:00 pm, at the RMTC Visitors Center.
- e. Effective August 1, 2019, only 800 Recreational Passes will be issued for each year on a first come, first served basis.
- f. All previous Sportsman Passes issued prior to August 1, 2019 will remain in effect until the expiration date. Once the Sportsman Pass has expired, the new Recreational Pass Policy will be in effect.
- g. The Recreational Pass and a Hold Harmless Release is required for all hunting, fishing, biking or other recreational activities.
- h. Current Arkansas National Guard Service Members (SM) **are exempt** from having to obtain a Recreational Pass. The SM will only have to present a valid Common Access Card (CAC) and sign in at the proper location in order to access RMTC Recreational Areas (See Member Information).

5. MEMBER INFORMATION.

- a. All individuals, ages 16 and up, will be required to possess a Recreational Pass to ensure that the appropriate liability waivers are signed prior to hunting, fishing, biking or conducting any other recreational activities on RMTC. Recreational Pass holders will receive all appropriate policies and regulations when they receive their Recreational Pass.
 - (1) For safety and accountability, all Recreational Pass holders and Arkansas National Guard members are required to sign into and out of each designated recreational area at the RMTC Visitor's Center in order to conduct hunting, fishing and biking (TA2) activities on RMTC.
 - (2) INCLEMENT WEATHER/CLOSURE. In the event that The Adjutant General of Arkansas implements the inclement weather policy all Training Areas will be closed to Recreational Use. All Training Areas are subject to being closed at the Post Commander's discretion.
 - (3) Special small events and groups must be pre-approved through Post Operations.

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other pre-approval process may be required. Contact RMTC Post Operations prior to event planning.

(4) A vehicle dash card is required with each Recreational Pass and MUST BE DISPLAYED by the owner of the vehicle on the front dash, where it is visible from the outside. Vehicle Dash Card is assigned to the pass holder's vehicle only and is not interchangeable between vehicles.

(5) All individuals 15 years and under must be accompanied by a licensed adult with a valid Recreational Pass while on RMTC. The adult shall sign a release of liability for the child. *(Available at the Visitor Center)*

(6) Soldiers TDY at RMTC are eligible for a 3 day Recreational Pass. Individuals must possess a Recreational Pass and copy of orders on their persons at all times. These passes will be available at the Visitor's Center.

(7) Access requirements can change without notice due to mission or security requirements. Ideally, changes will be announced at the Visitor Center. There may be some security related changes or requirements that cannot be published or announced.

b. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulations apply to all hunting and fishing on RMTC unless specifically exempted by this policy or in writing by the Post Commander.

c. Information regarding hunting or fishing on Camp Robinson can be obtained from the RMTC Operations section (501-212-5233) or the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (877-967-7577). To report policy or post regulation violations or to receive emergency assistance, call the RMTC Department of Public Safety at 501-212-5280 or 501-212- 5282. Except for official business or training, it is unlawful to enter the RMTC Military Installation, without signing in at the visitor's center located at the main gate. It is the responsibility of the individuals to ensure that they know where they are at all times. Violators, to include military members and employees, are subject to revocation of privileges, denial of access to the installation and criminal charges for violating regulations and laws. For questions concerning a Recreational Pass, please call (501) 212-5233. Other questions can be answered by the Department of Public Safety at (501) 212-5280.

d. It is unlawful to camp on RMTC except as authorized by the Post Commander.

e. Consumption of any type of alcoholic beverage is prohibited on Camp Robinson.

f. RMTC is divided into Training Areas designated on the RMTC Military Installation Map (V884S Edition 2-DMA). Not all Training Areas are open to the public on a given day due to military training, security, and maintenance requirements. The Wildlife Management Area (WMA) includes all green areas on the access map and excludes the All American Drop Zone (Area TA7), Mortar Artillery Impact Area, Small Arms Impact Area and the Demolition Range (Range 27). Designated Impact (dud and non-dud) Areas are marked in red. MILITARY LIVE FIRING MAY BE CONDUCTED IN ANY TRAINING AREA. Information on which areas are open and closed is available at the Visitor's Center at the

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main gate and must be verified upon entry daily.

g. Closure of roads or trails to vehicular or pedestrian traffic is normally for security reasons and may result in denial of entry into an area of the installation. If a barrier or gate closing a road is encountered, do not attempt to go around, even if the training area is open. Contact Range Control at building 6953 (501-212-5218) or the Public Safety at (501-212-5280) for information regarding the reason for closure of the area which may be due to training, maintenance, prevention of damage, or other reasons. Do not bypass closed roads. Any personnel caught driving around barriers or closed gates will be subject to a traffic citation.

h. It is unlawful to handle, tamper with, or remove any item of ammunition or explosives found on RMTC. Discovery of ammunition or explosives should be reported to the Range Control Office, Building 6953 (501) 212-5218, after hours report to Public Safety, (501) 212-5280.

i. It is unlawful to start or kindle a fire on RMTC except as authorized by the Post Commander.

j. It is unlawful to enter the Mortar Artillery, Small Arms Impact Areas, the Demolition Area and the All American Drop Zone for any reason. Signs have been erected to mark the boundaries of these restricted areas. These restricted areas are extremely hazardous and off limits.

k. Civilian vehicles may travel on approved roads only. Parking must be immediately adjacent to roads so that travel by others is not restricted. Civilian vehicles are forbidden in Training Area 7, the All American Drop Zone. Joy riding down range is NOT authorized regardless of status (active service member, retired or Recreational Pass holder).

l. Trapping and/or predator hunting will follow Arkansas Game and Fish Regulations or as authorized by the Post Commander.

m. During the special permit hunts, all other hunting and fishing activities in the RMTC WMA are closed. Public access, except for special permit holders, are not allowed in the Training Areas during permit hunts.

n. All firearms being transported in a vehicle on RMTC must be unloaded and cased.

o. Holders of a valid state-issued concealed handgun license recognized and honored by the State of Arkansas in accordance with Arkansas Code: 5-73-301-323 may possess the handgun covered by the license. Per OTAG Policy 2018-15 concealed weapons may not be brought into any Arkansas National Guard Facility unless it is for authorized training. Concealed weapon permit holders are not allowed to use their concealed weapon for any hunting purpose. Ammunition must be stored and concealed in a case out of plain view. All concealed handgun permit holders must identify themselves to a wildlife officer or law enforcement when complying with an inspection pertaining to birds, fish, game or other wildlife resources.

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p. Use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) or off-road vehicles is NOT allowed on RMTC. ATV's or off road vehicle transported in the back of vehicles or trailers must remain on the vehicle or trailer. The only exception to this is permission from the Post Commander.

q. Horseback riding is not permitted without approval from the Post Commander. Law enforcement officers may utilize horseback as needed to supports community service efforts.

r. The use of hunting dogs is authorized on RMTC for small game and waterfowl only IAW Camp Robinson WMA, AGFC regulations.

s. The cutting of standing or downed timber is prohibited unless written approval has been obtained from the Post Commander. Authorization requests can be obtained at Post Operations in building 5130 for Commander's approval.

t. All fireworks are prohibited on RMTC.

u. Photography is permitted on RMTC. Photographs taken within the Cantonment Area or of any military operation must be cleared through the Public Affairs Officer in building 5301 (501-212-5022).

v. The use of metal detectors is prohibited without written permission by the Post Commander. The removal of any artifact or cultural object is prohibited. Any type of human remains must be reported to the Department of Public Safety (501-212-5280) immediately.

w. Swimming is prohibited in all RMTC waterways and lakes.

x. The use of small boats, kayaks and canoes are authorized in Hunter Lake and Jewitt Lake, trolling motors only. Outboard motors are allowed on Bell Slough which provides access to Grassy Lake. Boaters must follow all rules and regulations established by Arkansas Game and Fish Boater Safety. Boats allowed on RMTC waterways are prohibited from creating a wake or obstructing any access area, parking area, launching ramp or access road.

y. Anyone visiting RMTC will be under video surveillance at all times as per TAG Policy No. 2019-04

6. HUNTING INFORMATION.

a. Weapons are restricted to archery, shotgun, rimfire and muzzleloader only.

b. Mobility impaired hunters who have special disability requirements will contact Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (501-223-6388.)

c. Hunters must first receive permission from the Department of Public Safety before tracking wounded game later than 90 minutes after sunset. Hunters will obtain this permission by calling Department of Public Safety at 501-212-5280. Inability to make contact does not automatically constitute permission.

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d. Personnel are **not allowed** on RMTc for recreational activities **earlier than ninety minutes before sunrise and no later than ninety minutes after sunset except for waterfowl hunters and night fishing.**

e. Hunting is forbidden on all firing ranges.

f. Portable hunting stands and associated equipment using metal objects (such as screw-in steps) to be screwed or driven into trees are prohibited. The owner's name and address must be permanently attached. Deer stands may not be placed more than seven days before deer season and must be moved at least 200 yards every seven days during the season. All stands must be removed at the close of deer season

g. Hunting is not allowed within 100 yards of a residence, inhabited building, or road, or within 25 yards of a bike or walking trail.

h. No entrails, carcasses, or game parts of any kind are to be left in visible sight in the cantonment area and should be a minimum of 100 feet from road edges and infrastructure.

i. Waterfowl hunting is allowed IAW Arkansas Game and Fish regulations in legal hunting areas. Waterfowl hunters are allowed to enter RMTc no earlier than 0400 hours daily prior to the start of legal shooting hours and will depart immediately after shooting hours are over. Permanent duck blinds/structures are prohibited. Only carry in/out blinds are authorized.

j. Game must be checked in accordance with AGFC hunting regulations (via phone, AGFC app, or the internet).

k. Baiting is defined as the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as lure or attraction for wildlife to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

(1) Bears may not be fed for any reason, including photography and viewing.

(2) No feeders, feeding, baiting, food plots, or other methods to attract deer are allowed.

(3) **Baiting is NOT allowed in the WMA or on Camp Robinson.**

l. Scouting is permitted in any "OPEN" area for Recreational Pass holders; you must sign in and out of the area to be scouted at the Visitor's Center.

7. FISHING INFORMATION.

a. Military student personnel on orders to RMTc must obtain a RMTc Recreational Pass. A state fishing license **is** required, and can be purchased at the residential rate with the appropriate forms.

b. It is unlawful to fish any pond, lake or stream with tackle other than rods and poles. The use of trotlines, jugs, yo-yo's, limb lines and seines on RMTc is prohibited. Bow fishing

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is not allowed on any RMTC waterway.

c. Night fishing (dusk until dawn) is authorized in areas that are not closed. Persons wishing to fish at night must check in at the Visitor Center before fishing and must check out with the Visitor Center at the conclusion of their visit.

8. BIKING INFORMATION.

a. Personnel who use RMTC's designated bike trails (TA2) for 3 days or less, will apply for a 3 day Recreational Pass in-lieu-of a 90 day Recreational Pass. If bicyclists want to use the bike trails for longer than 3 days, they are each required to have a 90 day Recreational Pass.

b. Mountain Bike riding is permitted in Training Area 2 only and is authorized 30 minutes prior to sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Bike riding on gravel roads is prohibited and citations will be issued.

c. Night riding or riding outside of the authorized hours must be coordinated and approved in advance by Post Operations.

9. Recreational Pass Revocation. Violations will be documented and forwarded to RMTC Operations for disposition. In general, depending upon the severity, violations will result in a 3 to 12 month suspension of privileges. Further violations will result in permanent loss of privileges. This decision is reviewed by the Post Operations.

10. POC for this policy is the RMTC Operations at 501-212-5233 or 501-212-5292.

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