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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Weapons Policy for Camp Roberts Consolidated Dining Facilities

1. Purpose: To provide command guidance regarding authorizing and carrying firearms in Camp Roberts Consolidated Dining Facilities (DFACs) in connection with law enforcement, training, and security duties.

2. Responsibilities.

a. Commanders at all levels will exercise sufficient control over operations and authorizations involving the carrying of firearms, and will ensure the following actions:

(1) Individuals being issued a firearm have written authorization in effect before the actual issuance of the weapon.

(2) Personnel permitted to perform law enforcement, security duties, and weapons training will:

(a) Receive instruction on authorized use of the weapon for the particular duty or post to which assigned.

(b) Are qualified and trained, to include safety functions, on the use of all firearms authorized to be carried.

(c) Are briefed on administrative and safety requirements regarding the carrying of firearms.

(d) Develop criteria consistent with this local policy for the carrying of firearms.

b. Armed personnel will ensure all weapons, bolts, and magazines are in their possession at all times while in the DFAC.

3. Policy.

a. The authorization to carry firearms while in the DFAC will be issued only to qualified personnel when there is a reasonable expectation that life or Department of the Army (DA) or State assets will be jeopardized if firearms are not carried. Evaluation of the necessity to carry a firearm will be made considering this expectation weighed against the possible consequences of accidental or indiscriminate use of firearms. Authorization to carry firearms in the DFAC is granted to:

(1) Personnel regularly engaged in law enforcement and on official duty.

(2) Personnel engaged in Camp Roberts' security duties, protecting personnel and vital Government and installation assets.

b. Only Government - owned, and Government - issued weapons, magazines and ammunition are authorized to be carried on post while performing official duties.

4. Exceptions. Exceptions to this policy may only be granted with the expressed written permission of the Installation Commander.

5. Safety

a. Before exceptions are granted the following safety measures must be implemented to ensure:

(1) A safety chamber clearing barrels positioned at the entrance of the DFAC.

(2) Bolts and magazines are removed from weapons prior to entrance into the DFAC.

b. Weapons will be carried muzzle down at all times while in the DFAC.

c. Weapons, bolts and magazines will be in the diners' possession at all times.

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