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AREA B BOW HUNTING ON FORT DETRICK

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**Summary.** This regulation establishes policies and procedures governing recreational bow hunting on Area B at Fort Detrick.

**Applicability.** This regulation is applicable to all persons hunting on Fort Detrick.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (Family & MWR), 1520 Freedman Drive, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5016.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless initiated by the proponent, Directorate of Family & MWR, and authenticated by the Commander or his/her representative.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate, Family & MWR. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to Commander, US Army Garrison, ATTN: MCHD-MWR, Fort Detrick, Maryland 21702-5000.

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\*This regulation supersedes FD Regulation 215-3, dated 13 December 2007.

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## **Chapter 1 General**

### **1-1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes policies and procedures governing recreational bow hunting as a means of controlling the deer population in Area B. Seasonal dates, bag limits, and total number of deer harvested shall be in accordance with Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines.

### **1-2. References**

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in Appendix D.

### **1-3. Explanation of Terms**

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the Glossary.

## **Chapter 2 Responsibilities**

### **2-1. The Provost Marshal Office (PMO) will -**

- a. The PMO shall appoint a Game Warden(s) to enforce the provisions of this regulation throughout the hunting season and to ensure hunters comply with the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping. This guide can be found at the following website: <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/deerregs.asp>.
- b. The PMO will ensure that hunters put in place the hunting sign at the entrance of Area B whenever hunting is in progress.
- c. The Game Warden will remove sick and crippled deer from the herd, as necessary, throughout the year in accordance with procedures approved by the MDNR.
- d. The Game Warden will report to the Garrison Commander the estimated size of the current deer herd on Fort Detrick no later than 10 September annually. The purpose of this census is to set goals for the number of deer to be removed from the herd to keep the deer population at levels recommended by the Fort Detrick Environmental Management Officer.
- e. The Game Warden is responsible for obtaining, on an annual basis, clearance from the Director, Family & MWR; Director, Public Works (DPW); the Environmental Management Office (EMO); and the Installation Safety Management Office (ISMO), verifying that Area B is safe for hunting.
- f. The Game Warden is authorized to conduct managed hunts in Area B in accordance with MDNR rules. All managed deer hunts with hunters will first be coordinated with the ISMO. Only vertical bows or crossbows are authorized for use by hunters participating in managed hunts.

**2-2. Directorate of Family & MWR will -**

- a. Conduct bow hunting qualification testing for interested bow hunters.
- b. Issue archery qualification cards to hunters who have demonstrated satisfactory competency in bow hunting and provide a list of these hunters to the Provost Marshal.
- c. Issue each qualified hunter a copy of this regulation, a current copy of the MDNR Guide to Hunting and Trapping, and an area map of Area B that clearly identifies permissible hunting grounds within Area B. This map is to be approved by the ISMO and EMO.
- d. Obtain from qualified hunters a signed liability waiver. The liability waiver is to be kept on file at the Directorate of Family & MWR.
- e. Post "NO HUNTING" signs throughout Area B where hunting is prohibited.

**2-3. The DPW will -** Provide a warning sign at the entrance of Area B that clearly announces "Hunting is in Progress" and ensure that this sign is in good condition throughout the hunting season. Upon request, provide the Directorate of Family & MWR "NO HUNTING" signs for Area B.

**2-4. The ISMO will -**

- a. Make periodic inspections of Area B and report significant safety issues for resolution to the appropriate office.
- b. Identify the unsuitable hunting ground within Area B and report this information to the Directorate of Family & MWR and the Game Warden.

**2-5. The EMO will -**

- a. Make periodic inspections of Area B and report issues that will prohibit hunting in the designated hunt locations within Area B.
- b. Provide an updated map to the Directorate of Family & MWR prior to 1 July, annually, that clearly shows permissible hunting grounds within Area B.

**Chapter 3  
Policy**

**3-1. Policy**

Personnel authorized to bow hunt on Fort Detrick are to meet the eligibility requirements contained in Chapter 7, AR 215-1.

## **Chapter 4 Procedures**

### **4-1. Licensing and Stamp Requirement**

A regular hunting license, junior hunting license, senior hunting license, or a non-resident hunting license is required to hunt deer. In addition to a hunting license, bow hunters must purchase a "Bow Stamp." Also, bow hunters must purchase a "Muzzleloader Stamp" in order to hunt deer with a bow during muzzleloader season.

### **4-2. Hunting Qualifications and Age Restriction**

a. All authorized hunters are required to pass a bow hunting qualification test administered by the Directorate of Family & MWR. The Multi-Crafts Manager, Recreation Division, will conduct qualification tests annually.

b. The Directorate of Family & MWR will advertise the test dates, times, and location in the Fort Detrick Standard.

c. The qualification test shall include two standards:

(1) Accuracy. To qualify, the hunter must hit the marked vital areas of the deer silhouette with broad heads three-out-of-five times from distances no less than 15 yards or greater than 30 yards. Each shot must be taken from a different position, and a change in distance of at least two yards for each shot must be accomplished.

(2) Equipment Inspection. Bow hunting equipment must comply with Maryland hunting regulations and must include a hooded quiver. Additionally, a minimum of four arrows with broad heads must pass a straightness and sharpness test. No folding broad heads (such as punch cutters) will be used on Fort Detrick.

d. All hunters must be over the age of 12 years. Junior hunters (ages 16 years or younger) must be accompanied by a licensed, unarmed hunter, age 21 or older.

e. All hunters are required to read Fort Detrick Regulation 215-3 and the Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland prior to hunting on Fort Detrick.

### **4-3. Hunting Rules**

a. Bow hunting within Area B will be permitted annually, in accordance with the hunt seasons announced by MDNR.

b. Hunters are restricted to their assigned zone(s), as shown on the map at Appendix B. Hunting is permitted during hunting season in Area B on Monday through Saturday from one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset. An exception is granted only when the hunter is actively tracking a wounded animal. The hunter should contact the PMO at 301-619-7114 as soon as reasonable to apprise PMO of the recovery effort.

c. Hunting in and around the paint ball play area is prohibited whenever this activity is in operation. More specifically, hunting is prohibited in the vicinity of the paint ball area (Hunting Areas 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9) on Fridays and Saturdays, unless otherwise notified by the PMO.

d. Hunters must pre-register prior to 1400 hours on the day before their proposed hunt by calling the Directorate of Family & MWR Auto Craft Self Help Center at 301-619-2759. The Directorate of Family & MWR will assign each hunter to an assigned hunting area and will provide a list of approved hunters to the PMO prior to 1600.

e. Hunters are required to sign-in at the PMO prior to hunting in Area B and must sign out at the PMO at the end of their hunt. The first hunter to arrive at Area B must display the "Hunting in Progress" sign. The last hunter departing Area B must remove the "Hunting in Progress" sign. The PMO is responsible for removing the sign if it has been left up after all hunters have been accounted for by signing out at PMO.

f. Fort Detrick Area B has several historical disposal sites currently under remediation. These disposal areas are located in and adjacent to hunting areas 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (please see Appendix B). While hunting in these areas, digging, picking up objects lying on the ground, or disturbing an object partially buried in the ground is strictly prohibited. Hunters are to remain alert to dangers and/or other safety issues they encounter within Area B. Hunters should report these concerns immediately to the PMO. Hunting is to cease immediately whenever an unsafe condition is discovered. Hunting will resume only when the unsafe condition has been corrected.

g. No more than eight hunters will be allowed to hunt at any one time within Area B. Hunting allocation will be managed by the PMO at the time hunters report to the PMO for sign-up.

h. The hunter may field dress their deer and bury entrails in the ground in the areas shown on map at Appendix B.

i. Hunters utilizing an elevated hunting platform (i.e., ladder stand, climber tree stand, and hang-on tree stand) must use an approved safety harness. Fort Detrick does not provide tree stands for hunters to use during hunting. Bow hunters who use personally-owned elevated hunting platforms do so at their own expense and risk of injury.

j. During the hunting season, all pedestrians and all vehicle traffic other than law enforcement vehicles, personnel approved by the Directorate of Family & MWR, ISMO, and EMO will be prohibited from entering the hunting areas when barricades are erected and signs are posted.

k. When entering and leaving the hunting areas, hunters will follow the most direct route, using designated roads, to and from their areas. Hunters will make themselves visible to others by wearing a reflective "orange" shirt, coat and/or hat when walking to and from hunting the hunting areas.

l. Hunters will not have an arrow nocked while traveling to and from their area.

#### **4-4. Accident Reporting**

a. All hunters will mark their arrows with the last four digits of their SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. The marking is to be placed on the shaft of the arrow between the fletching and up by the broad head. Hunters found in violation of this paragraph will be banned from hunting on Fort Detrick for the remainder of the hunting season. Those found in violation a second time will be permanently banned from hunting on Fort Detrick.

b. While hunting, an arrow may not be shot at an angle greater than 90 degrees to the ground. This measure specifically prohibits shooting at squirrels or other small game in trees. In the event of an accident or injury, hunters are to report the incident immediately to the PMO (Desk Sergeant at Building 1504). Emergency assistance can be obtained by calling 911 or 301-619-7114. Report of incidents will be forwarded to the ISMO immediately, or the next business day, depending on the severity of the incident.

#### **4-5. Enforcement**

Hunting privileges may be revoked and/or suspended for the following reasons:

a. Violation of hunting rules stipulated by this regulation and the MDNR Guide to Hunting and Trapping, or Federal/State laws. Persons who violate Federal or State law may also be issued a DA Form 3975, Military Police Report.

b. Falsifying or altering an authorized hunting license or qualification card.

c. Hunting without proper authorization.

d. Careless or dangerous conduct.

e. Vandalizing or destroying property.

f. Possession/use of alcohol or drugs.

g. Littering in the area.

h. Parking in undesignated areas.

//Signed//  
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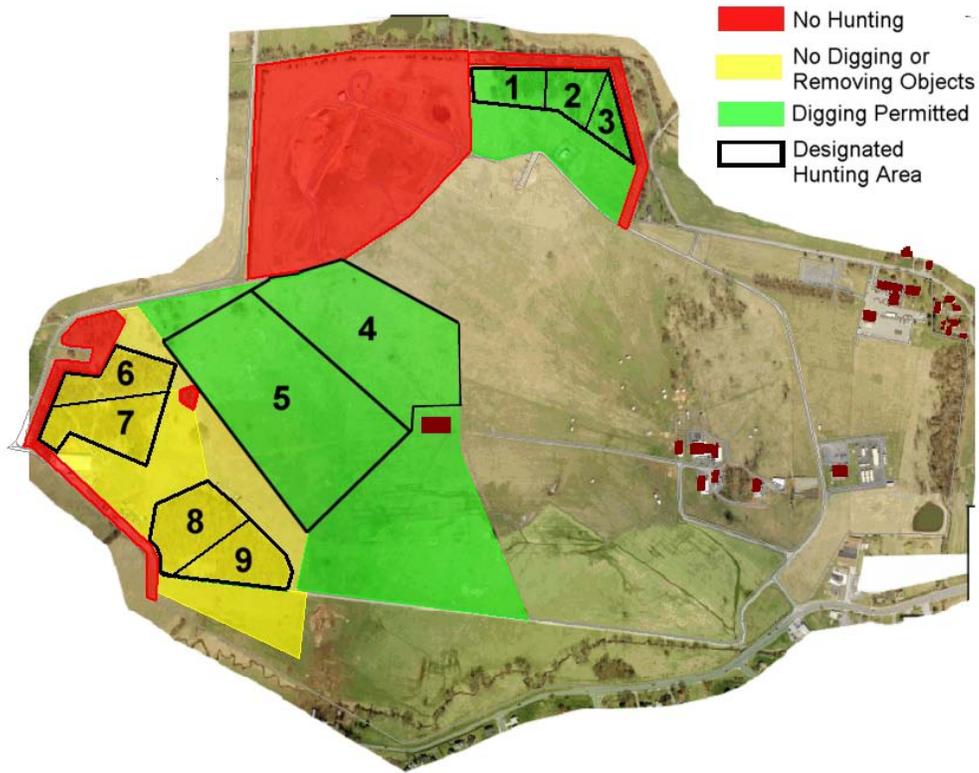
**APPENDIX A**  
**PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO HUNT ON FORT DETRICK**

1. Active duty military and their family members.
2. Retired military and their family members.
3. DoD civilian employees and their family members.
4. DoD contractor personnel with place of duty at Fort Detrick.

**Note:** Table 7, AR 215-1, provides a complete listing of persons authorized to hunt on Fort Detrick's Area B.

**APPENDIX B  
Hunting Map**

**HUNTING MAP**



**APPENDIX C**

**RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**  
(Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation - Fort Detrick, Maryland)

In consideration for being allowed to participate in Recreational Hunting at Area B at Fort Detrick (or installation Fort Detrick), I hereby release Fort Detrick and its Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activity, and the United States Government from any liabilities or claims arising from my own participation in the above named activity. I agree that I will never prosecute or in any way aid in prosecuting any demand, claim, or suit against the United States Government\* for any loss, damage, or injury to my person or property, or my children, that may occur from any cause whatsoever as a result of taking part in this activity.

I also understand and agree that I may be held liable for any damage or loss to the United States Government that is caused by my negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud, or the negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud caused by my children.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MINOR CHILDREN**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent or legal guardian of the above said minor child consent to his or her taking part in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity. I will abide by the above guidelines in regards to my minor child.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*United States Government, as used here, includes the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and any of its officers, agency, or employee's of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity acting officially or otherwise.

**APENDIX D**  
**References**

**Section I**

Required Publications

**AR 215-1**

The Military and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities

**Section II**

Related Publications

**Maryland Annual Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland**, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Administration

**Section III**

Prescribed Forms

**Release and Hold Harmless Agreement** – (Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities – Fort Detrick, Maryland)

**Section IV**

Referenced Forms

**DA Form 3975**

Military Police Report

**DA Form 2028**

Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

## **GLOSSARY**

### **DA**

Department of Army

### **DPW**

Directorate of Public Works

### **EMO**

Environmental Management Office

### **Family & MWR**

Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

### **ISMO**

Installation Safety Management Office

### **MDNR**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

### **PMO**

Provost Marshal Office