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Encl: (1) 2012-2013 Hunting Seasons

(2) 2012-2013 Game Checking Station Hours of Operation, Hunter Orientation Safety Class Schedule, and Archery Qualification Class Schedule

(3) Hunter Application and Waiver of Liability Form

(4) Hunter Screening Exemptions

(5) 2012-2013 Early Reservation Schedules

(6) Table of Common Hunting Violations

1. Purpose. To publish 2012-2013 hunting season dates, bag limits, Game Checking Station (GCS) hours of operation, Hunter Orientation Safety Class schedules, policies and procedures for hunting aboard Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ).

2. Policy Update. This Bulletin supersedes Chapters 3 and 6 of reference (a).

3. Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits. Enclosure (1) provides the 2012-2013 hunting season dates and bag limits.

4. The GCS Hours of Operation. The GCS hours of operation are shown at enclosure (2). The GCS is closed and there is no hunting on Sundays, Labor Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. It closes at 1200 on Thanksgiving Day; hunters must return to the GCS no later than noon that day.

5. License Sales. MCBQ hunting, fishing, and woodcutting licenses are sold at the GCS from 0800 until 1600, 4 Sept-5 Oct. On 6 Oct-18 May, these licenses will be sold from

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opening time until 1600 or closing time, whichever comes first, on days the GCS is in operation. Sales may be suspended from 1100-1200 to allow the staff time to accomplish other priority daily tasks.

6. Authorization to Hunt. To be eligible to participate in hunting recreation at MCBQ, persons must complete the following:

a. Obtain all state and Federal licenses and stamps required for the game to be hunted. Possession of the proper Virginia (VA) licenses is a prerequisite to purchase the Base hunting license. VA licenses are not sold at the GCS; they are available at most sporting goods retailers and online at www.dgif.virginia.gov.

b. Application and Hold Harmless Agreement. All persons who want to participate in hunting recreation must complete the MCBQ hunting application and hold harmless agreement shown at enclosure (3). This includes individuals who do not hunt (non-hunters). Parents or guardians will complete the hold harmless agreement on the behalf of minors. The falsification of any information in the application may result in the suspension of privileges.

c. Background Screening

(1) MCBQ will conduct a background screening of hunting applicants prior to the issuance of a Base hunting license per reference (b). The applicants must provide an approved source of identity and biographical data to include full name, address, birth date, and full Social Security Number.

(2) GCS personnel will enter the data into a law enforcement database and review the retrieved data for compliance with Base access control policy, Virginia and federal firearms requirements. A waiting period may be required for processing; the GCS will attempt to process applications within three days of receipt.

(3) Persons denied a MCBQ hunting license due to failure to meet screening criteria may submit a written request for a waiver to the Commander, MCBQ. Waivers shall be routed through the Conservation Law Enforcement Section (CLEO), Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch.

(4) Exemptions. The following personnel will not be subject to screening requirements:

(a) Minors (under the age of 18 years), but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult.

(b) Personnel who have a valid and current form of identification listed at enclosure (4).

d. Virginia Hunter Education Course (VHEC). Hunters under the age of 12 must present either a VHEC card/completion certificate or a Virginia Apprentice Hunter License (VAHL) in order to obtain a MCBQ hunting license. Hunters over the age of 12 must meet VA hunter education requirements necessary to purchase a VA hunting license or possess a VAHL. Hunters who need to attend a VHEC are advised to contact the Quantico Rod and Gun Club at www.grgc.org or the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at www.dgif.state.va.us for a listing of course offerings. Hunters who possess a VAHL must hunt within arm's reach and be under the immediate control and direction of the adult escort.

e. MCBQ Hunter Orientation Safety Class. This class provides instruction concerning Base hunting procedures, regulations and safety requirements. The class takes about 30 minutes and is given at the GCS, Building 5-9. Interpretation is not available for non-English speakers. Scheduled class times are at enclosure (2). All hunters and non-hunting companions 8 years of age or older must attend the class; those persons licensed at MCBQ during the 2011-2012 hunting season are not required to attend. Children under the age of eight do not have to watch the video, but their parent or guardian must complete a hold harmless form on their behalf and must keep the child under their direct and immediate control and within arms length at all times.

f. Minimum Age Guidelines and Parental Consent Form. Minors (under 18 years of age) who are not active duty military members must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian or an adult (designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian) when hunting. Parents or legal guardians shall complete the parental consent form at enclosure (3) to authorize another adult (21 years or older) to take their minor child hunting at MCBQ. The supervising adult must possess a valid VA hunting license and MCBQ hunting license.

7. Hunting License

a. Hunters must obtain a MCBQ hunting license. All hunting licenses will be processed at the GCS and all sales are final. Persons under the age of 18, those 65 and over, persons having the Virginia permanently disabled resident lifetime license, and native Americans exempt from purchasing the Virginia hunting license under Code of Virginia Section 29.1-301 will be provided a MCBQ hunting license free of charge.

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b. Hunting License Cost. The annual MCBQ hunting license, valid for one year from the date of purchase, costs \$20.00. A trip license, valid for three consecutive hunting days, costs \$5.00. The cost to replace a lost MCBQ license is \$2.00.

c. Non-hunters will be issued a non-hunter privilege card in lieu of a license. Non-hunters are typically spouses or children who want to enjoy outdoor recreation with a family member but do not hunt and do not possess a VA hunting license. Non-hunters may not carry a weapon, call game, or in any way participate in the hunt. They must stay within arms reach and under the direct supervision of their escort.

d. License Color Code. At the time of sales, licenses will be color-coded to facilitate the reservation of daily hunting permits. All licenses will be coded GREEN, BLUE or BROWN, as follows:

(1) Licenses issued to active duty Marines and their dependents will be coded GREEN.

(2) Licenses issued to all other persons having valid military identification cards and Marine Corps civilian Common Access Cards will be coded BLUE.

(3) All other licenses will be coded BROWN.

8. Daily Check-in and Check-out Procedures

a. Definitions

(1) Hunting Areas. Designated training areas, parking areas, tree stands, or waterfowl blinds where hunting may be authorized. A map of these areas will be provided at the GCS.

(2) Check-in. The process of reserving a hunting pass, followed by picking up a daily hunting permit at the GCS.

(3) Check-out. The process of notifying the GCS at the completion of the hunting trip.

(4) Daily Hunting Permit. A laminated card or a printed receipt obtained at the GCS that provides authorization to enter a specific hunting area on a specific day.

(5) Daily Hunting Permit Quota. During the fall/winter hunting seasons, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily hunting permit per 75 acres of available hunting land. During the spring gobbler season, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily permit

per 225 acres of available hunting land.

(6) Hunter Tracking System. The Hunter Tracking System (HTS) is a telephone based system for reserving hunting passes and checking -in and -out of training areas.

Hunters will use HTS to reserve and print permits for training areas only. Duck blind daily permits will be issued in person at the window. Information on using HTS can be obtained at the GCS.

b. Daily Hunting Access. Hunters and their companions may not enter a hunting area or blind until they have either been issued a daily hunting permit or been checked-in as described below.

c. Non-Hunters. They will be logged in under the daily permit of their adult companion.

d. Minors. Minors who are not active duty military must be checked-in by a parent, legal guardian or adult designated in writing. Minors will be issued a daily hunting permit and must be escorted by an adult, 21 years of age or older. An authorized adult can escort no more than two youth hunters (under the age of 18) or non-hunting companions. The underage hunters must stay within sight and voice contact and no more than 100 meters away from the adult escort. During spring gobbler season, in designated dove fields, or if hunting under the VA apprentice license, underage hunters must be within arms reach and under the immediate control of the adult escort.

e. Waterfowl Blinds. Each waterfowl blind has a maximum capacity of three persons, with the exception of "wounded warrior" blinds which are built larger to accommodate wheelchairs and up to 4 persons. The first hunter to reserve the blind can invite up to two hunting companions to share the blind. Each hunter will be issued a daily hunting permit.

f. Spring Gobbler Season Callers. During the spring gobbler season, a hunter may take along a companion. The companion will be checked-in under the daily permit of the hunter they accompany and will not be issued a separate daily permit. The companion may not carry any weapon but may participate in the hunt as a caller or videographer. A caller must be a properly licensed hunter. The companion must stay in the immediate vicinity of the actual hunter at all times.

g. Vehicle Information. Hunters must provide the GCS with current data on telephone numbers and vehicles being used on the hunt day if different than the vehicle on file.

h. Early Reservation Period

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(1) Reservations. MCBQ licensed hunters may attempt to reserve a daily MCBQ hunting permit on the GCS business day prior to a hunting day per the schedules provided at enclosure (5). Hunting reservations will either be made in person, by calling the GCS at 703-784-5523/5329, or by calling the Hunter Tracking System at 703-784-6704, depending upon the season. Callers must know their MCBQ hunting license and PIN number and reservations must be made during the time period appropriate for each licensed hunter. Early reservations are held until 30 minutes following opening time on the hunting day.

(2) House Guests of Active Duty Military Personnel. An active duty host may complete an information form that provides the name, address, and period of stay of the house guest. That form will be used to temporarily upgrade the house guest into the same check-in category as the host. A bonafide house guest is defined as an out-of-the-commuting-area (outside a 100 mile radius of the base) visitor whose stay is temporary and non-recurring; e.g., a relative making a holiday visit. Due to space limitations during spring gobbler season, the host can take the house guest along as a "buddy" hunter as described at 8.h.(4).

(3) Conservation Volunteer Program (CVP) Chits.

(a) Conservation volunteers will be issued one chit per each 10 hours of service performed during the 12-month period (1 October to 30 September) prior to the fall hunting season. A maximum of four chits (40 hours service) will be issued. Each chit may be used for one hunting event to upgrade the volunteer to the next highest checkout category per enclosure (5). Only the volunteer issued the chit may utilize the chit.

(b) Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 50 or more hours of service on projects approved by the NREA Branch, G-5, will receive a CVP card valid for the following fall, winter and spring hunting seasons. These personnel will not receive chits.

(4) Conservation Volunteer Program Guest (CVPG) Card. Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 100 or more hours, will in addition earn a CVPG card which may be used by the conservation volunteer to make hunting reservations for a hunting partner per the same procedures used for their CVP card. Daily permits reserved by a CVPG card will only be issued to the responsible conservation volunteer to whom the CVPG card belongs. The purpose of the CVPG card is to enhance the opportunity of the volunteer to hunt with a partner; therefore, it is only to be used by a guest who is hunting in the same area with the host volunteer. Occasionally, the host volunteer may be required to leave the base before the hunting day is over. In these cases, the guest hunter may continue to hunt. Due to

limited space during spring gobbler season, the guest of a volunteer utilizing their CVPG card will hunt under the same daily pass as the CVP host. This will be known as a "buddy" hunt. Both members of the party may carry a weapon but must travel to and from the hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. This is a typical arrangement where one hunter is the primary caller and the other hunter is the primary shooter. Failure to use the CVP card and CVPG card as described may result in forfeiture of the card and termination of the CVP contract.

(5) Early Reservation Priority. Approximately 85 percent of daily permits will be reserved for priority issue to personnel with DoD issued ID cards and USMC issued Common Access Cards (GREEN and BLUE). Approximately 15 percent of hunting spaces will be allocated to non-affiliated civilian hunters (BROWN).

i. First-Come First-Served Check-in

(1) On the GCS business day prior to a hunting day, unissued and unreserved daily permits will be issued first-come, first-served, beginning at 1700. These reservations will be held for 30 minutes after GCS opening time the next morning; if unclaimed after 30 minutes, these reservations will be cancelled and the permits will be released on a first-come, first-served basis.

(2) On the hunting day, all unissued and unreserved permits will be issued first-come first-served. Daily permit reservations made by telephone on the hunting day will auto-cancel after two hours. Most civilians find the first-come first-served periods the most efficient time to obtain daily hunting permits.

j. Hunters issued a daily permit are authorized to enter only the hunting area specified on the permit on the valid date for the permit.

(1) The hunter will be issued 2 passes for the daily permit. The hunting pass must be carried on the hunters' person and the parking pass must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the hunters' vehicle so it is clearly visible. A pass for each hunter in a vehicle must be clearly displayed. Vehicles not displaying parking passes may be towed away at the owner's expense.

(2) A third pass is printed by the Hunter Tracking System and it is a receipt to be left at the GCS. Hunters should always verify it contains the correct vehicle make, model, license plate and cell phone number.

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k. Legal Hunting Hours. Hunting hours begin at ½ hour before sunrise and end ½ hour past sunset for all training areas, OCS, and Mainside with the following exceptions:

(1) Dove hunting begins at 1200 (noon) from 4-8 September.

(2) During spring gobbler season hunting ends at 1200 (noon).

(3) On Thanksgiving Day, hunting ends at 1100.

(4) Hunting hours for migratory birds ends at sunset in compliance with federal regulations, except that Canada geese may be taken up to 30 minutes past sunset during the resident early goose season per Virginia regulations.

l. Time Restriction for Arrival at Hunting Areas. Hunters having a valid daily hunting permit may arrive at and enter their assigned training area no sooner than 0400.

m. Check-Out Time. Hunters must check-out within 60 minutes after hunting ceases unless extra time has been granted for tracking wounded game. Failure to check-out will result in a search for the hunter based on the presumption that the hunter is either lost or injured. Failure to return to the GCS and check-out on time may result in curtailment of hunting privileges.

9. Coordination of Assignment to Training Areas

a. Hunters will be assigned only to training areas where there are no conflicts with other scheduled land use activities.

The Director, Range Management Branch (RMB), G-3 (Operations Division), will provide a daily schedule to the GCS which designates open/closed hunting areas. On hunting days, at approximately one and one-half hour after sunset, the GCS will notify RMB when all hunters have returned. GCS and RMB personnel will be aggressive in their monitoring of area status and will make frequent coordination calls. This will ensure safe, effective, and controlled use of the training areas.

b. Assignment of hunters to training areas 2, 3, and 4 will only be made after written approval has been received from the Officer Candidates School (OCS) S-3.

c. Assignment of hunters to Transportation Demonstration Support Area (TDSA), formerly Engineer Test Area (ETA), and duck blind "C" will only be made after coordination with the Site Manager, TDSA.

d. Assignment of hunters to blinds within the Permanent Restricted Area (PRA) at the Marine Corps Airfield (MCAF) will only be made after coordination with the MCAF Airfield Manager/Operations Officer. Watercraft may not be used within the PRA.

10. Access to Scout Hunting Areas

a. During the 2012-2013 hunting seasons, permission to enter the training areas for hunting and trapping activities, to include scouting, hunting dog training and the installation of temporary tree stands, must be obtained at the GCS.

b. Monday-Saturday, when the GCS is open, patrons are to obtain daily permits through the Hunter Tracking System. Scouting is permitted during normal GCS operating hours (refer to enclosure (2)). Hunt-related scouting in the training areas will be closed from 19 May 2013 - 31 August 2013.

c. East of Interstate 95. Areas east of Interstate 95 will be open for scouting only for personnel who have completed the Mainside (Eastside) Archery Qualification Class.

d. Scouting in non-hunting areas and training areas marked as closed is not authorized.

e. Access when the GCS is closed

(1) Patrons are to sign in and out of a Range Access Authorization log book at the Big Game Shed, GCS. Authorized scouting times are 0730-1600. Patrons must be logged back in no later than 1600. No firearms or archery tackle should be on the person or in the vehicle when scouting. However, military personnel who must store their equipment in the vehicle may scout hunting areas as long as the equipment is encased and stowed such that it is not readily available for hunting.

(2) Patrons should leave a trip plan with someone at home who can alert the Base in case of failure to return after the scouting trip. A call to Range Control at 703-784-5321 will initiate search and rescue operations.

(3) A daily schedule of areas that have been pre-approved for recreational access will be posted at the GCS. Patrons may sign into any area on the open list. All other areas are off-limits!

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(4) The log-in process requires the patron to print his/her MCBQ hunting license number, name, training area number, two telephone numbers (preferably cell and home), and vehicle description in the ledger book. Patrons are to place their MCBQ license on the left hand side of the dash board so that it is readable from outside the vehicle.

11. Security. MCBQ is likely to be under an increased force protection condition during hunting season which requires observation of security requirements and reporting of any suspicious activity. Hunters should report any suspicious activity to the GCS in person or by calling (703) 784-5523/5329.

12. Parking at the GCS. Hunter parking is authorized on hardened road shoulders along MCBQ #1, south and east of Building 5-9, GCS. Overflow parking will be permitted in the grassy field across the street. All parking along Building 5-9 and inside the fencing is reserved for employees and government owned vehicles, unless otherwise approved. Unauthorized parking may result in loss of hunting privileges aboard the Base.

13. Physically Challenged Hunting Access Program

a. To optimize opportunities for recreation and rehabilitation therapy for persons with severe injuries (e.g., loss of limb, paralysis, etc.), personnel are invited to participate in the guest hunting program IAW Appendix A of reference (a). The spirit and intent of this program is to support those service members who are in a therapeutic or rehabilitation status and may need assistance in the field.

b. The GCS will maintain waterfowl hunting blinds and deer stands that are accessible by wheelchair. All licensed MCBQ hunters who have mobility challenges will be authorized to reserve these facilities but priority use will be given to military veterans who require use of a wheelchair and to wounded warriors who are recovering from traumatic injuries and need assistance to hunt. Deer hunters in these stands will be authorized to take antlerless deer during any designated deer hunting season. A qualifying hunter is authorized to reserve one of these hunting blinds or stands and, if deer hunting, an adjacent stand for an invited hunting partner/escort of his/her choice by calling 703-432-6774/6776/6777 in advance of the desired hunting date. A hunter may reserve only one hunting date at any given time.

c. Physically challenged hunters may be authorized, on a case-by-case basis, to use firearms for hunting in areas where hunting is normally restricted to archery tackle. To

do so, the following conditions must be met:

(1) Hunting may only be conducted from locations where terrain features and management of the hunt will prevent any projectile from impinging upon buildings, roads, or occupied training areas;

(2) The hunt locations and access to the Ranges and Training Areas west of Interstate 95 have been previously approved by Range Management Branch;

(3) At least one guest hunt coordinator has been assigned to escort each hunter and a single NREA point of contact has been assigned to manage the hunt to ensure compliance with safety standards, all Virginia and MCBQ hunting regulations, and the MCBQ Standard Operating Procedures for the Ranges, Training Areas and Airspace.

d. MCBQ has scheduled the following dates for wounded warrior hunting events in accordance with section 29.1-312 of the Code of Virginia: October 26-27; November 5-6; November 16-17; December 21-22, and January 18-19.

e. The Guest Hunting Office, GCS, shall coordinate hunts with the Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-3 (Range Management Branch); S-3, Weapons Training Battalion; S-3, The Basic School; Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area; Area Commander for Camp Upshur; and S-3, OCS as appropriate.

14. Waterfowl Hunting. The following rules apply to all hunting of ducks, geese and swans (waterfowl) at MCBQ:

a. East of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is only permitted from licensed blinds that are maintained and operated by this base for public hunting. West of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is permitted in open hunting areas. Open fields where planted grain crops have been mowed or manipulated to attract migratory birds may not be used for waterfowl hunting. Hunting is allowed at Lunga Reservoir, Smith Reservoir, and Dalton Pond and only from the designated blinds/stakes shown on the Base hunting map. Breckinridge Reservoir is closed to waterfowl hunting.

b. Hunters in hunting areas west of Interstate 95 may not construct permanent waterfowl hunting blinds but may use temporary brush blinds for concealment. During the deer firearms season, waterfowl hunters who are checked-in to general hunting areas must wear blaze orange clothing.

c. Nontoxic shot authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is mandatory for all waterfowl hunting.

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Lead shot may not be possessed while hunting waterfowl.

d. Plugged Shotguns. Shotguns must be plugged and capable of holding a total of no more than 3 shells when hunting migratory birds.

e. Managed hunting blinds have a maximum capacity of three persons. The hunter who reserves a blind may invite up to two other MCBQ licensed hunters to share the blind but is not required to allow additional persons in the blind. Every person occupying the blind must be checked-in at the GCS. Managed waterfowl blinds are for waterfowl hunting only; no other species may be taken while hunting in the blinds. Shooting from boats while in transit to or from the blinds is not allowed. Hunters must have means such as a boat or dog to safely retrieve down or crippled waterfowl.

f. Due to the limited number of waterfowl blinds, a hunter may reserve only one waterfowl blind. Therefore, if a hunter has picked up or reserved a waterfowl blind permit for himself/herself, he/she may not reserve or pick up a separate blind for a friend. Waterfowl hunting blinds are reserved as follows:

(1) A calendar will be posted at the GCS prior to the waterfowl hunting season that designates which waterfowl blinds will fulfill the GREEN, BLUE and BROWN permit quotas for each scheduled waterfowl hunting day. The color designation of the blinds will be rotated daily on a systematic basis. An individual hunter may not reserve the same blind during the early reservation period on two consecutive days. The purpose is to prevent one hunter from having exclusive use of one blind.

(2) The times to reserve a waterfowl hunting blind are shown at enclosure (5).

g. Waterfowl hunters assigned to hunting blinds must return to the GCS and check-out no more than 90 minutes after sunset.

h. All stationary waterfowl hunting blinds, to the extent practical, will have an alternate hunting location marked by a designated stake. A hunting party assigned to a blind that has an alternate hunting location will have the choice of hunting at either the permanent blind or at the staked location. A hunting party may not split up and position hunters at both the blind and the stake locations.

(1) At certain stationary blinds, the hunt party can also hunt from a position within 100 foot radius of the blind if they need to adjust for prevailing wind conditions. Instructions will be posted within the blind.

(2) At the staked location, hunters must stay within 100 feet of the stake and can hunt from a shoreline position or may hunt from the boat.

(3) At any of these alternate locations, hunting from a boat that has been altered for the purpose of concealment will require possession of a state floating blind license in addition to the MCBQ hunting blind daily permit.

i. Waterfowl hunters shall clean blinds after use, ensuring that no litter and spent shells are left behind.

15. Quantico Archery Site

a. The Quantico Archery Site is operated by the GCS and is located along MCBQ #1 about 0.5 miles west of the GCS. Hours of operation are 1100-30 minutes past sunset Monday-Friday and 0800-30 minutes past sunset Saturday-Sunday. Archery site use is limited to MCBQ hunting and fishing license holders and authorized group sessions. NREA Branch has exclusive use of the site during Archery Qualifications.

b. To use the Quantico Archery Site, patrons must:

(1) Obtain the MCBQ hunting or fishing license.

(2) On a daily basis, obtain a quiver pass at the Archery Site by signing-in on a ledger. Hunters will print their MCBQ hunting license number, name, two telephone numbers (preferably cell and home), and vehicle description.

(3) Display the quiver pass on the bow holding rack on your shooting lane at the archery site.

(4) Return the quiver pass and sign out of the log book.

16. Archery-Only Hunting Areas

a. Due to noise and safety considerations, some hunting areas will be open only for archery hunting. Crossbows, compound bows, recurved and traditional longbows are all considered archery tackle and may be used in these areas.

b. Archery only areas are enrolled in the VA Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Deer harvest rules for DMAP areas are provided at enclosure (1).

c. Firearms may not be carried at any time, or during any season, when hunting in these areas. During the firearms deer

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season, blaze orange clothing will be required when walking to and from the archery-only areas west of Interstate 95. While stationary in a tree stand, archers in these areas may remove the blaze orange. Blaze orange is not required in the hunting areas east of Interstate 95; those specific areas are the Mainside parking areas, TDSA (Engineer Test Area), and OCS Training Areas 2, 3 and 4.

d. Any legal game species or nuisance species may be taken in archery areas as long as all shots are taken with a downward trajectory from elevated stands where required.

e. Archery Skill Test. Anyone planning to archery hunt east of Interstate 95 must attend a specific Eastside safety lecture and pass an archery skills test administered by the GCS at the Quantico Archery Site. This is applicable to hunting at the Mainside parking areas, TDSA, and Training Areas 2, 3 and 4.

(1) Archery hunters must bring the archery equipment they intend to use for hunting and at least four arrows; only field points are allowed.

(2) To successfully qualify, archers using compound bows must shoot three out of four arrows from an elevated position into a 6-inch round target placed at a distance of between 20 to 30 yards. Archers using traditional long bows or recurved bows must place 3 out of 4 arrows within a 6 inch circle at 15 to 20 yards. Crossbow hunters must place three out of four arrows into a 6-inch round target from 30 yards. Arrows must either be inside the circle or else the arrow's shaft must break the circle's outer line.

(3) Presentation of completion certificates from the Fort Belvoir and Suburban Whitetails archery qualification test may be accepted by the GCS as fulfillment of the archery skills requirement.

(4) Designated times for the Eastside hunting lecture and archery skills test are provided at enclosure (2).

(5) Hunters may attempt to qualify once per day. No retries or exceptions will be made. Hunters will not be allowed to practice from the shooting tower directly before or during qualification attempts.

f. Mainside Area. The following special provisions are applicable to the Mainside area (Training Area 1), located east of U.S. Highway 1 and north of Chopawamsic Creek. This area is developed with housing, recreational, administrative and educational facilities. Woodlands at Mainside contain trails used

by people participating in multiple activities, including mountain biking, hiking, and running. Because there are generally no access controls to these woodlands, hunters must understand that all of these users may be present during hunting hours. Accordingly, it is essential that hunters meet specific qualifications and obey restrictive guidelines to ensure hunting is conducted safely and with minimal impact upon other woodland uses. Policies and procedures for qualified hunters in the Mainside area are as follows:

(1) Hunters must park only in their assigned parking area. From that parking area, hunters will be allowed to hunt in any part of the open hunting area adjacent to their assigned parking area so long as the hunter travels on foot and does not enter any "No Hunting" zones. A maximum quota of 1 hunter per 25 acres of hunting space will be allowed.

(2) All arrows carried to the field must have the hunters' Quantico license number written on the fletching. All shot arrows must be retrieved.

(3) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands and must take them down daily. Hunting from the ground is not permitted; hunters are expected to be elevated at least 8 feet off of the ground. Hunters must be in the stand before nocking an arrow.

(4) All harvested deer will be transported directly to the GCS. Handling of game will be done in a manner that avoids offending the non-hunting public and individuals who would prefer not to see dead animals. If a wounded deer leaves the hunting zone, crosses a highway, or enters a residential area, the hunter will immediately notify the GCS and request assistance in retrieving the deer.

(5) Hunters will not hunt within 50 m of trails nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

(6) A minimum 200 meter no hunting zone is established around developed facilities. This zone will not be marked with signs or paint because there are no roads, trails, or natural features delineating these areas that can be easily posted. Hunters will be responsible for learning the topography of the area in which they intend to hunt and for determining that the placement of their hunting stand is at least 200 meters away from developed areas.

(7) Hunters are encouraged to harvest as many antlerless deer as possible from the Mainside area. Up to two antlerless deer may be harvested per day using state DMAP tags.

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(8) G-3 (Operations Division), Marine Corps Marathon Office, Marine Corps Community Services, and dependent schools will maintain liaison with the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA Branch, G-5, at 703-432-6774/6776, to advise when special (non-routine) events are occurring that would make it preferable to close hunting in the Mainside area.

(9) Mainside hunting is authorized Monday-Saturday beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes after sunset unless closed due to the aforementioned reasons.

(10) Safety is paramount. Any violation of MCBQ regulations while in the Mainside area will result in the suspension of Base hunting privileges for the entire season.

g. Engineer Test Area (ETA). This archery area is in the portion of Training Area 4 now known as the Transportation Demonstration Support Area. The boundaries of this area will be posted with signs, "ETA-Archery Hunting Only." This area is accessible from U.S. Route 1 and County Route 660 near Boswell's Corner. All hunters must park in a designated parking area: either adjacent to the ETA gate or in the marked parking area along Telegraph Road. No hunting is permitted within 200 meters of ETA buildings. Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

h. Training Areas 2, 3 and 4.

(1) The OCS S-3 Office schedules the use of Training Areas 2, 3 and 4, and therefore shall be responsible for determining the days that hunting can be conducted safely. The OCS S-3 will send written notification to the Head, NREA Branch, to designate dates and times that hunting has been approved.

(2) Access to these areas is permitted from the Engineer Road entrance near the former correctional facility in the OCS area. Hunters are advised that this is a sensitive area, used for military and physical training (particularly jogging) by Base personnel. Like Mainside, hunters must be constantly aware that joggers and other personnel may be in the hunting area.

(3) Hunters will operate vehicles at a safe speed and may only drive on Engineer Road, Buffalo Road, Iwo Jima Trail, Wake Trail, Con Thien Trail, and the portion of Chosin Trail from Brown Field (OCS) to the "eye of needle," defined by pull-up bars co-located with the turn-around loop. The section between the eye of the needle and Iwo Jima Trail is off-limits to non-OCS vehicle traffic. Waterfowl hunters may drive on Chosin Trail for access

to parking areas for waterfowl hunting blinds D, 9, and 10, but only when Training Area 3 is open.

(4) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

i. Training Area 5B, 5C, 7C, 8A, and 8B. These areas are in close proximity to developed areas: The Basic School (TBS), the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration training campuses, and the Russell Knox building. As a result, all of the roads and trails adjacent to and within these areas are frequently utilized for physical fitness training and other activities associated with student training, reference (c) addresses these trails and roads. The following policies and procedures for archery hunting within these areas are as follows:

(1) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

(2) Because joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for this activity. Hunters will not hunt closer than 50 meters to any trail nor shoot towards or across any trail or road. The Endurance Trail portion of Training Area 8A will not be open for hunting.

(3) Hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of paved and gravel improved roads.

(4) Hunters may park along paved roads, MCBQ #1, MCBQ #2, MCBQ #3, and MCBQ #4, adjacent to open hunting portions of these training areas. Parking is allowed along Smith Lake Road and Washboard Road when those roads are open to vehicular traffic. Hunter vehicles are not permitted on Application Trail within Training Area 8A and 8B.

(5) If Washboard Road is closed, there is a designated hunter parking place at the Washboard B gate.

j. Training Area 6C. Located adjacent to Quantico National Cemetery. Hunters may park along either route 619 or the open sections of Breckinridge Road. Hunters may not enter the "No Hunting" buffer zone between the Base and Quantico Cemetery property nor encroach into the landfill section designated for wheelchair accessible hunting. Use of the cemetery road to access hunting area 6C or to go from Russell Road to Route 619 is prohibited.

k. Russell Road Landfill. This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters in wheelchairs and their hunting partner. They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 13. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the landfill cover. Hunting will be from designated stands. Other game such as squirrel, dove, and turkey may be taken during legal seasons. Shotguns and muzzleloading guns may be used during the designated firearms seasons.

l. Camp Upshur Area. This area is located north of Cedar Run in training area 17B. Archery hunting is permitted in the woodland areas that are at least 100 meters away from paved roads and 200 meters from buildings. The authorized archery hunting area is accessible from the designated parking areas shown on the MCBQ hunting map.

m. Training Area 17C. This hunting area is bordered by State Road 611 and MCBQ #8. Hunters must keep a safe distance from the privately owned homes along the densely vegetated western border of this area.

17. Safety Regulations

a. No Hunting Zones. Firearms hunting is not permitted within 200 meters of ammunition and fuel storage areas, built-up areas, rifle and pistol ranges, dwellings or other occupied structures, and designated recreation areas. Archery hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of these facilities except for the 200 meter buffer designated for Mainside. Hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of paved roads except during the deer firearms season, when the prohibited distance is 200 meters.

b. Buddy System. Hunters are encouraged to hunt with a partner; in case one person becomes ill, injured or lost, the other can get help.

c. Mandatory Personal Safety Equipment. All persons hunting or scouting must carry a compass, flashlight, and whistle as safety measures to help reduce occurrences of being late or lost. Hunters are advised to carry mobile telephones to be able to call for assistance. Communication via mobile telephone will not lessen a person's responsibility to check-out on time.

d. Blaze Orange. Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter on MCBQ property during the firearms deer season will wear a solid blaze orange hat and outer body clothing that has at least two square feet of blaze orange visible above the waist and visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange body clothing is acceptable. Portable pop-up style blinds must also be marked with 2 square feet of blaze orange visible from 360 degrees.

There are two exemptions from the blaze orange policy: all hunters east of Interstate 95 (in waterfowl blinds and archery only areas) are exempt, and waterfowl hunters in approved blinds west of Interstate 95 are exempt.

e. Keeping a Safe Distance. Hunters need to be mindful of each other's presence in the woods. There are two occasions of particular concern. First is the potential hazard of squirrel hunters to shoot upwards into trees where camouflaged archery hunters are sitting motionless in tree stands. Second is the possibility of spring gobbler hunters shooting towards another camouflaged hunter. Archers and spring gobbler hunters are encouraged to mark their hunting locations with blaze orange bands and to whistle or otherwise signal their presence to approaching hunters. Ethical hunters, when notified of the presence of another hunter, will depart the area immediately to avoid interference with the hunter who is already in position to hunt. This separation distance should be at least 200 meters.

f. Transportation of Weapons. Weapons may not be in the front seat of a vehicle, must be encased or broken down, and must be unloaded while being transported in vehicles and must remain in vehicles until hunters are at their assigned hunting location. Weapons and ammunition must be separated during transport. Hunters who drive separate vehicles to the GCS parking lot may transfer their equipment into one vehicle if they are going to proceed to a hunting area together.

g. Unexploded Ordnance. All hunting areas may contain unexploded ordnance (UXO) which is dangerous and must not be removed or disturbed. Hunters should mark the area of such UXO with rags or other means and **immediately** report the location to the GCS. The GCS will immediately notify RMB for action.

h. Evacuate Hunting Areas. Hunters must immediately leave the assigned hunting area and return to the GCS if:

(1) Continuous siren or horn blasts, signaling emergency or unsafe conditions, are heard.

(2) There is contact with military personnel engaged in military training exercises within the assigned hunting area. It means that either the hunters or the military personnel are in the wrong area. For safety of all personnel, hunters shall leave the area immediately and report the problem to the GCS. GCS personnel will coordinate with RMB to determine the cause of the problem. Once the problem has been corrected, the hunter shall either be assigned to another hunting area or will be allowed back into the first assigned area.

19. Tree Stand Use and Safety Guidelines. Permanently installed

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tree stands are not authorized, with the exception of those installed by NREA Branch for the support of guest and wheelchair accessible hunting programs. Portable stands and temporary installations are permitted. MCBQ hunters use tree stands at their own risk; the government is neither responsible for accidents and injuries that may occur nor liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. Many hunters enjoy hunting from tree stands because the elevated position gives the hunter a better view of the ground area around the tree stand. Shooting downward from the elevated position is safer than flat trajectory (ground) shots because the projectile will impact closer to the shooting position where the hunter has good visibility. Despite the positive benefits of tree stands, some hunters are injured and killed as a result of accidents resulting from the climbing of trees and improper use of tree stands. To help prevent accidents, hunters shall abide by the following guidelines for the use of tree stands while hunting at this Base:

a. Persons wanting to enter a training area for the purpose of installing a tree stand must obtain permission from the GCS prior to entering the training area. On hunting days, persons wanting to install tree stands will checkout a daily hunting permit from the GCS. If the quota of hunters has been reached in an area, no further hunt related access will be allowed for that area.

b. Any tree stand left overnight in a MCBQ hunting area must be marked with the name and telephone number of the owner. In the Mainside area (Training Area 1), they must be taken down on a daily basis and may not be left overnight.

c. Tree stands and all attachment hardware must be removed from MCBQ property no later than 31 January following the close of deer hunting season. No metal objects are to be permanently embedded in trees because damage to chain saws, sawmill blades and equipment operators can occur if saw blades strike steel objects hidden in the timber.

d. Tree stands must be inspected prior to each use to ensure that there are no damaged parts or loose handholds or footholds.

e. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the assembly and use of the model of tree stand that you use.

f. Climbing tree stands equipped with heel and toe straps must not be altered and the straps must be used while climbing.

g. The proper use of a safety strap or harness is recommended when hunting from the tree stand and while climbing up and down. A safety harness specifically designed for this

purpose and equipped with a safety release mechanism should be used. The distance of slack between one's body and the tree should not exceed 18-24 inches. A safety strap must never be used in a manner where the strap can cinch up around one's body.

h. Do not climb with anything in hand. Use an equipment haul line to raise and lower your **unloaded** gun, archery tackle, and gear.

20. Restrictions and Forbidden Practices

a. Deer will be hunted only with archery tackle, shotguns loaded with slugs, and muzzle loading rifles .45 caliber or larger. Shotguns with barrels having lands and grooves will be allowed at the base for shooting slugs.

b. A hunter who has already met the daily or season bag limit on deer may continue to hunt for other in-season game but may not carry slugs, a shotgun loaded with slugs or a muzzle loading rifle.

c. The use of rifles, revolvers, and pistols is prohibited except for the two cases listed below. This prohibition extends to carrying such weapons on the person or in a vehicle while hunting. No one is allowed to carry a concealed weapon while hunting or on MCBQ.

(1) Muzzle loading rifles may be permitted for hunting deer during the general deer firearms hunting season or for special deer hunts per paragraph 13.

(2) Air rifles between .177 and .25 caliber, inclusive, may be used for hunting small game and nuisance species.

d. Buckshot may not be used to hunt any game and may not be possessed on one's person or in one's vehicle while hunting at MCBQ.

e. During spring gobbler season, organized drives, dogs, and electronic calling devices are prohibited. It is unlawful to use or have in possession any shot larger than number 2 fine shot during spring turkey season.

f. Firearms may not be carried when hunting with archery tackle during the special archery/crossbow seasons or anytime during regular hunting seasons in the archery only areas. During the regular hunting seasons, a hunter may carry both archery and authorized firearms equipment in areas open to gun hunting and must abide by all rules and regulations affecting gun hunters.

g. It is prohibited to use any type of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, taking, or attempting to take game at anytime during the year.

h. Dogs may not be used for hunting deer and deer dogs may not be trained on the reservation.

i. Trapping of any animal is prohibited, except as duly authorized by a MCBQ trapping license.

j. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge are prohibited.

k. Hunters may not shoot domestic dogs. Any person shooting or injuring a dog may be subject to civil action under VA Code 3.1-796.127.

l. Organized deer drives are prohibited.

m. Hunters may not place or utilize any bait, salt, minerals, feed or other consumable substance to serve as a lure or attractant for game animals at MCBQ. This prohibition applies year round and includes any hunting activity to include use of trail cameras.

n. Shooting or harming any protected wildlife species is forbidden.

o. Target shooting is prohibited in MCBQ training areas. Target shooting and sighting-in must be done at designated facilities. Contact the Quantico Shooting Club for information at 703-640-6336 or use off-base facilities for firearms training.

p. Any hunter who uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs in MCBQ training areas is subject to loss of hunting privileges and prosecution under federal or state law. This prohibition extends to carrying alcohol or illegal drugs in a vehicle while officially checked-in to hunt.

q. It is unlawful to use electronically amplified calls and calling devices, to include applications on cell phones, except for coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and crows.

21. Motor Vehicle Operation. The following regulations apply to the operation of motor vehicles. Violations of these provisions are subject to prosecution.

a. Motorcycles, including mopeds and three- and four-wheeler all terrain vehicles, may not be used while hunting. Non-motorized bicycles may be used for transportation on trails authorized for foot travel only for the purpose of access within

an assigned hunting area.

b. Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. The only exception is for guest hunting coordinators, guests and wheelchair hunters in designated guest hunting areas. Vehicles may only be operated on paved and graveled roads open to normal vehicular travel as shown on the MCBQ hunting map available at the GCS. These roads are subject to being closed for military training exercises, inclement weather, etc. At no time are hunters permitted to drive around closed range gates. Violators are subject to prosecution.

c. Hunters operate vehicles at their own risk and are solely responsible for any towage fees they may incur. They must inform the GCS as soon as possible in the event their vehicle breaks down or becomes immovable.

d. Vehicles may not be parked in a manner to restrict the operation of range gates or block access to any road or trail. Vehicles must be parked completely off of paved road surfaces. These vehicles may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

e. Hunters must park adjacent to their assigned open hunting area so they can access their assigned area without trespassing through any other training areas. There are two exceptions. If the 617A gate is locked, hunters may park on the shoulder of the road on either side of the intersection of Route 617 and MCB 6 and walk Route 617 to access 10C but may not enter training areas 10A or 11A while in route. Hunters may park at the intersection of Route 610 and 644 and walk Route 644 to access 9D but may not enter training areas 7A or 9C while in route. Per 21.d. above, parked vehicles must not block access to gates.

f. Hunters shall not park in or adjacent to restricted "No Hunting" zones.

g. Game wardens will use discretion in determining if a vehicle is reasonably parked in the proper area; road shoulder conditions, etc., may require a hunter to park on the other side of the road from the assigned hunting area.

22. Reports

a. Upon killing a deer or bear, the hunter must immediately notch the appropriate tab on the big game license before moving the animal from the place of kill. That big game animal must then be taken to the MCBQ GCS for a Base wildlife official to collect data and issue any appropriate big game possession certificates. Note: A hunter who has taken a DMAP deer does not have to notch his/her license. The hunter has permission to transport the deer to the GCS where an attendant will attach a DMAP tab to the VA Game Check Card. The GCS will provide special

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reporting instructions if wounded game cannot be recovered during normal GCS working hours.

b. Upon killing a wild turkey, the hunter must call the VA hotline for registering the kill with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The turkey must also be taken to the Quantico GCS for base officials to collect kill data.

c. All animals taken at this Base, to include small game, waterfowl, furbearers and nuisance species, must be reported at the GCS when checking out at the end of a hunt. Neckband or leg band numbers from all tagged or marked animals or birds must be reported. The removal of unreported game from the Base may result in forfeiture of Base privileges.

23. Conservation Law Enforcement

a. Information. All federal and state laws concerning the harvest of wildlife apply to all persons aboard MCBQ, regardless of the purpose of entry onto the Installation. In addition, the Commander MCBQ has prescribed special regulations for persons using government lands and facilities. These regulations are binding as orders on all military personnel and are considered lawful regulations in federal court. Civilians who do not abide by these regulations may be restricted from entering the reservation.

b. Authority. The MCBQ CLEO, NREA Branch, G-5 may detain, issue summons or arrest persons suspected of violating federal or state game laws. They are also authorized to suspend hunting privileges of anyone who violates the regulations prescribed by this bulletin. Personnel operating the GCS are authorized to take temporary custody of illegal wildlife brought to the GCS until the CLEO can respond.

c. Violations of Federal and State Laws. The CLEO will detain, arrest, or issue a Federal Court Violation Summons (1805) to any persons suspected of violating federal and or state fish and game laws. The summons form will either reflect a collateral fee issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office or have a mandatory court appearance set for more serious crimes. In addition, in these cases, persons are subject to administrative actions.

d. Violations of Base Regulations. CLEO'S may issue an 1805 under 18 USC 1382 for any violation of Base regulations. Along with an 1805 or in lieu of an 1805, the CLEO may suspend hunting privileges for a period of not less than 3 days and not more than 1 year, depending on the totality of the circumstances on a case by case basis. Enclosure (6) provides a summary of common penalties as a reference only.

24. Research Animals. To study factors affecting productivity and survival, some white-tailed deer and wild turkeys aboard MCBQ have been outfitted with tracking devices such as ear tags, leg bands, neck collars, and radio transmitters. These animals are not restricted from the hunt and are considered legal game. When a tagged turkey or deer is brought to the GCS for a big game card, the GCS attendant will record the number on ear tags or leg bands and will remove any radio devices. The radio transmitter will be kept by the GCS.

25. Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse Seasons Closed. Bobwhite quail and ruffed grouse may not be harvested on MCBQ. These bird populations have declined to low numbers within the region and aboard MCBQ. All hunters are encouraged to report locations where these birds are observed to the GCS.

26. Nuisance Species. Hunters may take at anytime during legal hunting hours, while checked-in to hunt, animals designated as nuisance species in VA, which include, coyote, feral hog, groundhog, European starling, and English sparrow. Hunters are to bring coyotes to the GCS for tissue collection. Other nuisance species must be reported but do not have to be brought to the GCS. Hunters are reminded that shooting or harming dogs is illegal.

27. Miscellaneous

a. Unscheduled Closures. Recreational access is subject to closure due to inclement weather, elevated force protection conditions, fire hazard, etc. The AC/S, G-5 will authorize the closure of hunting season when necessary to limit the take in consonance with good conservation practices, protect public safety, or allow for special operations such as snow removal. Unscheduled closures will be posted at the GCS. Additionally, hunters can call the MCBQ weather hotline at 703-784-3638 for information on weather related Base closures.

b. Hunters are encouraged to lock their vehicles while hunting. MCBQ is not responsible for damages, theft, or injuries done to one's person or property while aboard the installation. **INDIVIDUALS HUNT AT THEIR OWN RISK!** Any damage, theft, or injury done to property or person should be reported to the military police at 703-784-2251 or to the game warden at 703-432-6793/6794/6795.

c. Guest Hunting. Official Command guests may be assigned to hunting areas per the instructions provided at appendix A of

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reference (a). Guests assigned to hunt in a training area, such as 11A/B, in which a portion of the surface area is impinged upon by a Surface Danger Zone (SDZ), will be accompanied and instructed by either an NREA staff member or a guest hunting coordinator who has been appointed per appendix B of reference (b). Per MCO P3570.1 and MCBO 3570.1, no personnel at any time may enter an active SDZ.

d. Vehicle Collisions With Wild Animals

(1) Operators of motor vehicles must notify the Military Police at 703-784-2251 in cases of collision with wild animals

where either property damage occurs or a deer, bear, turkey or bald eagle is injured or killed. The operator of a privately owned vehicle may be given custody of dead game animals. In cases involving government owned vehicles, or where the operator refuses custody, the animal will be taken to the CLEO, Building 5-9, for disposition. Only CLEO personnel are authorized to give custody of dead game animals to motor vehicle operators or to otherwise dispose of injured or dead game animals.

(2) MCBQ organizations may send written requests to the Commander MCBQ (B 046) requesting venison for use at organizational parties. The U.S. Government bears no responsibility for problems associated with the preparation, serving, and consuming of such food sources. Requesters will be required to acknowledge this waiver of liability. Organizational Commanders are hereby notified that venison provided for organizational parties cannot be either offered for sale or transported from MCBQ property.

e. Hunting With Dogs

(1) It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt deer on the base. Any hunter or member of a party of hunters who kills a deer while hunting with dogs will be subject to the loss of MCBQ hunting privileges.

(2) Dogs may be used to hunt fall turkey, dove, rabbit, woodcock, squirrel, and waterfowl in any open hunting area, except on deer either-sex hunting days during the firearms season. On these days, every effort will be made to have some areas, which are closed to deer hunting, open exclusively for turkey and upland game hunting with dogs.

(3) On the day of the hunt, hunters using dogs to hunt small game or wild turkey may reserve up to two hunting areas when space is available. Upland game hunters are advised to equip their dogs with blaze orange collars and bells to help identify them as hunting dogs.

f. Training Hunting Dogs. From 1 September through 31 March, inclusive, MCBQ licensed hunters may train personally owned dogs on rabbits and non-migratory game birds. Trainers will check -in and -out daily per scouting procedures in paragraph 10. Waterfowl hunters may train retrieving dogs in open base water bodies any time of the year. The use of blank pistols or other noise making devices is authorized when done discreetly. Trainers may not use live pen-reared birds for dog training unless the birds are shackled to prevent escape and the Game Warden Office has been notified in advance at 703-432-6793/6794/6795. Pen-reared game may not be released upon MCBQ property.

g. Wounded Game Policy. Hunters will make every effort to recover wounded game. If wounded game crosses into another training area, the hunter must contact the GCS to seek authorization to access the training area.

(1) Same Day Recovery. A hunter who has shot a game animal late in the day has up to 15 minutes after the end of hunting hours to contact the GCS and request additional time for the recovery of the animal. The hunter may contact the GCS by cell phone to request permission to continue tracking. The hunter will be given a maximum of 2 hours past legal hunting hours to return and check-out from hunting.

(2) Next Day Recovery. A hunter who is unable to recover wounded game on the day of hunting may request permission to track and recover the game on the following day. If the requested area is open, the GCS will provide authorization for entry into the area. If tracking is to occur on a non-hunting day (such as Sunday), the request for tracking must be made at the GCS on the preceding hunting day. The GCS operator will provide the hunter with instructions for recovering and reporting the animal.

(3) Guest Hunt Recovery. Hunters that have been placed into guest hunt locations are likely to be adjacent to hazardous range activities. Guest hunters may not leave their assigned locations to track any wounded animal unless they are accompanied by their assigned Guest Hunt Coordinator and Range Control has approved departure from the assigned location.

h. Refrigeration Policy. The outdoor refrigeration locker located at the GCS is available for temporary use by Quantico hunters. Permission to store game in the locker will be granted or denied by the CLEO, NREA Branch, based upon the availability of space. Game stored must be removed within 48 hours, or sooner upon request of the CLEO. A VA Game Check Card must be attached to all stored game. The government is not responsible for loss

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of meat due to theft or spoilage. Failure to remove game within 48 hours is punishable by forfeiture of game and suspension of hunting privileges, unless prior arrangements have been made due to an emergency.

i. Skinning Shed Policy. The outdoor skinning shed at the GCS is available for use by Quantico hunters during GCS operating hours. Anyone wanting to use the area must ask for permission at the GCS. The GCS operator will hold the hunter's MCBQ license while the hunter uses the skinning shed. The GCS will provide a hose with running water (weather permitting), trashcans and liners. The hunter is responsible for thoroughly cleaning the work area and following waste disposal instructions when he/she is finished.

j. Lead hazard. Exposure of humans and wildlife to lead ingested from harvested animals has been documented and is a growing environmental and health concern. Hunters are encouraged to utilize non-lead ammunition when feasible.

13. Action

a. Addressees shall adhere to and ensure the widest dissemination of the contents of this Bulletin.

b. The AC/S, G-5, with support from the AC/S, G-3, area Commanders, and area sportsmen will strive to optimize recreational access for physically challenged hunters.

/s/

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DISTRIBUTION: A

2012-2013 HUNTING SEASONS

BLACK BEAR

Archery 6 Oct-16 Nov
Firearms 26 Nov-05 Jan

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations apply:
 One per season. Females with cubs may not be harvested. Minimum weight 100 lbs live or 75 lbs dressed. Bear can be taken in any open hunting area, including Mainside.

CROW

4 Sep-26 Jan No bag limit.

It is lawful to hunt crows only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Youth Hunt	29 Sep	Firearms or archery. Blaze orange required.
Archery Only	6 Oct-16 Nov	Either-sex. Base-wide.
	7 Jan-26 Jan	Antlerless only and in the Mainside Archery Area only.
Firearms	17 Nov- 5 Jan	Buck-only, except on designated either-sex days, which are 24 Nov, 21-22 Dec, 26-29 Dec, 31 Dec, and 2-5 Jan.

See next page for deer bag limits and Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ) policies.

DOVE

4 Sep - 13 Oct; 17 Oct - 27 Oct; 28 Dec - 12 Jan

Daily Limit: 15. During the first week of the season, 4 Sep-7 Sep, hunting is allowed from 1200 noon until sunset. Beginning 8 Sep, the legal shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset. Dove may be hunted in any open dove field or open firearms training area.

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MCBQ Deer Hunting Policies and Bag Limits

Antlerless Deer: Females (does) and male fawns (button bucks) having no polished antler protruding above the hairline are considered to be antlerless deer.

Antlered Bucks: During the buck-only portion of the firearms deer season, only mature bucks, those with polished antlers protruding above the hairline, may be taken. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and antlerless tags may not be used on bucks.

Special Muzzle Loading Gun Season. There will be no muzzle loading gun season aboard MCBQ, with the following exception: muzzle loader gun hunting for deer from 3 November-16 November is authorized for organized Wounded Warrior hunts IAW paragraph 13 of this Bulletin. Guest hunt coordinators who are providing guide services on these special hunts are not authorized to use muzzle loading firearms, but may hunt with archery tackle.

Bonus Deer Tags. Bonus deer tags, sold by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will not be accepted for deer harvested aboard MCBQ.

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Tags. The Game Checking Station may provide DMAP tags to hunters for the harvest of antlerless deer in the following archery hunting areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, OCS (2, 3, 4), 5B, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur. Only DMAP permits issued by the Game Checking Station are valid aboard MCBQ. No more than two DMAP tags may be used per day per hunter. Deer tagged with DMAP tags will not count against either daily or season bag limits.

Daily Bag Limit. One.

Season Bag Limit: Four per license year. No more than two antlered bucks (see definition above) can be taken at MCBQ during the 2012-2013 deer season. Any of the tabs on the Virginia deer, bear, and turkey licenses can be used at MCBQ so long as no more than two antlered bucks are harvested and the total number of tabs notched at MCBQ does not exceed four. Antlerless deer taken on DMAP tags do not count against the season limit.

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation: The Virginia youth antlerless deer regulation applies at MCBQ.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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FURBEARERS

Fox	1 Nov-26 Jan	No Limit
Opossum	15 Oct-26 Jan	No Limit
Raccoon	15 Oct-26 Jan	Daily Limit: Two
Bobcat	1 Nov-26 Jan	Daily Limit: Two

NOTE: Night hunting is prohibited on MCBQ; furbearers can only be taken during daytime hunting hours, 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE - Season closed

RABBIT

3 Nov-26 Jan Daily Limit: Six

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

4 Sep-25 Sep Daily Limit: Ten

Note: Hunting ceases at ½ hours after sunset from 1 - 15 Sep east of I-95 and 1 Sep - 22 Sep west of I-95. Hunting ceases at sunset east of I-95 from 17-25 Sep and west of I-95 from 24 Sep - 25 Sep.

SEPTEMBER TEAL

17 Sep-29 Sep (East of I-95)
 24-29 Sep (West of I-95) Daily Limit: Four

SQUIRREL

4 Sep-26 Jan Daily Limit: Six

TURKEY (Fall Seasons - Either-sex)

Archery	6 Oct- 10 Nov
Firearms	20 Oct (Youth Turkey Hunt)
	27 Oct - 9 Nov
	22 Nov (Thanksgiving Day)
	3 Dec - 29 Dec

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12 Jan - 26 Jan

TURKEY (Spring Gobbler -bearded birds only)

Youth Day 6 Apr (all day hunt)

Gobbler Season 13 Apr - 18 May (hunt ends at 1200 noon)

Daily Limit (All Seasons): One.

Annual Limit: Three. No more than two turkeys may be taken in the fall and no more than two turkeys may be taken in the spring.

The use of turkey calling devices while scouting hunting areas prior to the spring gobbler season is prohibited. Locator calls that do not mimic turkeys are allowed.

WATERFOWL

Duck, goose, and swan seasons established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be in effect at MCBQ from 4 Sep 2012-26 Jan 2013. Any Virginia special waterfowl hunting days for youths will be in effect at MCBQ.

WOODCOCK

27 Oct - 2 Nov
6 Dec - 12 Jan Daily Limit: Three

FALCONRY

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries falconry seasons will be applicable at MCBQ. Falconers must be licensed and follow the same check -in and -out procedures as other hunters.

ENCLOSURE (1)

2012-2013 GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION,
HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULE, AND
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE

DATES	GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION	HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS TIMES
4 Sep-5 Oct	0800-90 minutes past sunset	0800-1500, MWF 0800-1300, TThS on the hour.
6 Oct-16 Nov	0530-90 minutes past sunset ¹	0600-1500, MWF 0600-1300, TThS on the hour
22 Nov (Thanksgiving)	0530-1200	None
17 Nov-5 Jan, excluding 22 Nov	0530-90 minutes past sunset ¹	0600-1500, on the hour
7 Jan-26 Jan	0800-1600 ²	As requested
5 Apr & 12 Apr	0800-1600	0800-1500, on the hour
6 Apr	0500-1800	As requested
13 Apr-18 May	0445-1300	0500 & as requested
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE		
4 Sep-15 Nov (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, only)		1400

¹ The Game Checking Station will remain open longer if individuals have been authorized to track wounded deer.

² If no Game Checking Station attendant is present, waterfowl hunters will be able to check-out on a clipboard provided at the big game weigh shed. All other hunters will use the Hunter Tracking System.

2012-2013 EARLY RESERVATION SCHEDULES

FALL/WINTER HUNTING SEASON		
Hunter Category	Checkout Time¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1135-2359	A
GREEN	1145-2359	A; B after 1300
BLUE with CVP Card	1215-2359	B first; then A
BLUE	1230-2359	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	1300-2359	C first, then A
BROWN	1330-2359	C
ALL LICENSES	1700	A+B+C

- Note:
1. On rare occasions, late changes to the training schedule may result in the delay of reservation times.
 2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend. Quotas: A=70% of daily passes (GREEN); B=15% of daily passes (BLUE); C=15% of daily passes (BROWN).
 3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

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SPRING GOBBLER SEASON		
Hunter Category	Checkout Time¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1135-2359	A
GREEN	1145-2359	A; B after 1230
BLUE with CVP Card	1215-2359	B first; then A
BLUE	1230-2359	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	1245-2359	C first, then A
BROWN	1300-2359	C
ALL LICENSES	At 1330	A+B+C

- Note:
1. On rare occasions, late changes to the training schedule may result in the delay of reservation times.
 2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve one hunting permit. Quotas: A=70% of daily passes; B=15% of daily passes; C=15% of daily passes.
 3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card. If the hunter has a Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card, he/she may take a guest on a "companion" hunt. The hunters must proceed to and from the assigned hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. Each hunter may carry a weapon.

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WATERFOWL BLINDS AND DOVE FIELDS		
Hunter Category	Checkout Time¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1125	A
GREEN	about 1126 ⁴	A
BLUE with CVP Card	about 1127	A+B
BLUE	about 1128	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	about 1129	A+B+C
BROWN	about 1130	A+B+C
ALL LICENSES	about 1131	A+B+C

- Notes:
1. Quotas: A=70% of available blinds (GREEN); B=15% of daily blinds (BLUE); C=15% of daily blinds (BROWN).
 2. A calendar will be published prior to the season that designates for each hunting day, which waterfowl blinds are in the "A, B or C" quota for checkout purposes. The designation of the blinds will be rotated on a systematic basis. Due to the limited number of blinds, a hunter may reserve or pick up only one blind during early checkout. To encourage equal access to blinds, any individual who hunted a blind may not reserve the same blind for the next day's hunt prior to 1600 during early checkout.
 3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.
 4. Each group will be called to the window as soon as all patrons in the preceding group have been served. After all groups have been called to the window, any remaining passes will be issued first come first served in person or by

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telephone reservation by calling 703-784-5523/5329.

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**Table of Recommended Administrative Penalties
For Common Hunting Violations**

<u>Violations</u>	<u>Common Administrative Penalties</u>	
	<u>1st Offense</u>	<u>2nd Offense</u>
Failure to display parking permit or loss of a hunting or parking permit.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to park and hunt in assigned area.	7-30 days	1 year
Hunting or parking in a restricted area or "NO HUNTING" zone, or parking to block a range gate.	1 year	N/A
Unauthorized driving around a locked range gate.	1 year	N/A
Failure to check-out on time but is not more than 60 minutes late.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to check-out on time and is more than 60 minutes late.	30-90 days	1 year
Operating motorized vehicle on unauthorized road without written permission.	30-90 days	1 year
Transporting a loaded weapon in a vehicle.	1 year	Debarment
Use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs.	1 year	Debarment
Failure to wear blaze orange during deer firearms season	1 year	N/A