

Environmental
RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND TRAPPING ON ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

Reference to the word "he" (and its derivatives) in this regulation refers to both the masculine and feminine genders; exceptions will be noted.

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1. **PURPOSE.** This regulation prescribes responsibilities and rules that govern recreational hunting and trapping on Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).
2. **SCOPE.** This regulation applies to all activities located at APG and to all individuals accepting the privileges of hunting and trapping at APG.
3. **EXPLANATION OF TERMS.** Special terms used in this regulation are explained in the Glossary.
4. **GENERAL.**

a. **Acronyms:** For the purpose of this regulation only, Outdoor Recreation, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be referred to as MWR, the Directorate of Public Works will be referred to as DPW and the Directorate of Emergency Services will be referred to as DES.

b. **Laws:** Federal and Maryland game laws and regulations apply at APG. These laws and regulations are found in the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Laws and Regulations of the State of Maryland, and the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service regulations relating to migratory birds. These laws and regulations are enforced by Marine and Wildlife Enforcement Officers under the DES. Participation in the hunting and trapping program is a privilege. Violations of Federal, State or APG regulations will be cause to bar violators from hunting and trapping at APG (Appendix B). Permanent barring for security violations may occur, at the Commander's decision. Criminal violations will be prosecuted in the U.S. Magistrates Court or by court martial, as appropriate. **All personnel desiring to hunt or trap on APG must have a Maryland State Hunting License, as well as the appropriate Maryland and Federal Stamps (Archery, Muzzleloader, Waterfowl).**

c. **Permits:** Hunting and trapping on APG are recreational activities administered by MWR. All personnel desiring to hunt or trap on APG must have an APG Hunting Permit sold by MWR. Prior to being issued a permit all applicants must:

Show evidence of attending a state approved hunter safety course

View video training in recognizing unexploded ordnance (UXO)

Sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement

Provide a Security Clearance Letter or Form from their activity Security Manager, or

Obtain a state level Criminal History Check

Note: Details on obtaining a permit are found in Section 5a. In addition all hunters must **demonstrate proficiency with weapons by taking a qualification test.** This may be done before or after purchase of the permit.

d. **Eligibility:** The following personnel are eligible to hunt/trap on APG after compliance with licensing, permit, safety training, and other requirements specified in this regulation.

(1) Active duty military personnel and their immediate family members. (Immediate family members are those individuals possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(2) Retired military personnel and immediate family members. (Immediate family members are those individuals possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(3) Department of the Army civilian (DAC) and fulltime Non Appropriated Fund (NAF) employees of APG and immediate family members. (Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.)

(4) Retired APG DAC, NAF and immediate family members. (Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.)

(5) Maryland National Guard/Army Reserve personnel possessing a Common Access Card (CAC) who are US citizens and Retired Maryland National Guard/Army Reserve who are US citizens with a DD214.

(6) Employees and family members of multi-year contractors (2 or more fiscal years) at APG who directly support the military mission. (Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.)

(7) Sponsored guests.

(a) Guests must be US citizens.

(b) The sponsor must be registered to hunt at APG, and must be present at the purchase of the permit. MWR will register sponsors after initial purchase of a permit.

(c) A Hunter –In-Charge (HIC) must accompany the guest at all times. A guest may hunt with any HIC.

(8) The following personnel are authorized to sponsor guest hunters:

(a) Active duty military personnel

(b) Retired military personnel

(c) DAC and fulltime NAF employees of APG.

(d) Retired APG DAC and NAF employees.

(e) Multi-Year Contractors that support APG or on post mission requirements. The contract employee must obtain a security form from MWR to be validated by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and COR's Security office indicating concurrence with the employee's request to hunt.

e. **Safety:** Safety is the first concern of the APG hunting program. Due to the history of testing and training activities at APG, encountering unexploded ordnance (UXO) is a possibility. The instructional part of the hunter safety program consists of a range safety briefing and a UXO identification video. Rules concerning movement in hunting areas must be strictly observed and objects encountered in hunting areas must not be disturbed. All hunting at APG is done in parties. Each party is led by a Hunter-In-Charge (HIC) who is familiar with all aspects of the hunting program, and is responsible for ensuring that members of the party observe the safety and other provisions of this regulation. HICs assemble their own hunting parties. MWR may assist hunters in becoming a member of a hunting party. Eligibility requirements to become a HIC, and instructions for persons wishing to enroll in the HIC training program provided by MWR, are found in Appendix K.

f. **Season Specific Information:** Information and procedures concerning specific game species and hunting methods are described in Appendices E through K.

g. **Distinguished Visitors:** Distinguished Visitors (See Glossary) wishing to hunt at APG for the first time are requested to notify MWR at least 48 hours prior to their arrival date to allow for processing paperwork.

h. **Hunting permit fees:** Hunting Permit Fees at APG are published annually and are set by the MWR Program Manager after consultation with the Installation Conservation Committee.

5. PROCEDURES.

a. **Permits:** All personnel desiring to hunt or trap on APG must have an APG Hunting Permit issued by MWR. The following are requirements to obtain this permit:

(1) Payment of an APG hunting fee is mandatory for all hunters/trappers, including guests and family members, before issuance of the hunting permit (Appendix J).

(2) Many hunting areas within APG are in secure areas, consequently those wishing to hunt at APG must demonstrate that they possess a valid security clearance or a favorable annual Criminal History Check (CHC) from their state of residence. Criminal history checks are not required for those under the age of 18.

(a) Persons employed or stationed at APG must ask their activity security manager to provide a signed letter to DES stating that the requester has a valid security clearance. The employee must then take the letter to MWR. DOD personnel employed or stationed at other facilities must ask their security manager to use the JPAS System visit request function to communicate their security clearance to the ATC Security Office at APG, W4QUAA, who will

then communicate that status to the APG Security and Intelligence Division (SID). The visit request should clearly state that it is being sent for authorization for the individual to participate in the hunting program. The APG SID will then provide a list of persons cleared to hunt at APG in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. This Excel spreadsheet will then be forwarded to MWR. It will include all of the individuals cleared through this process for the duration of the hunting season. The spreadsheet will be updated as necessary, and the new version will replace the previous version provided.

(b) The security letter and the annual CHC must be less than 4 months old. The CHC must include criminal history from any state in which the applicant has resided during the past 5 years.

(c) The hunter must obtain this information, APG cannot provide it. See Appendix A for procedures to obtain a CHC.

(d) Retired Army and Retired Department of Army Civilian (DAC) personnel from APG MUST HAVE CHCs, which will remain valid for two years unless denied by DES or Garrison Supported Organization Security Officers. All guests must have a CHC which must be renewed each year, unless denied.

(e) Persons rejected by the review procedure may appeal to the DES, but must provide any documentation needed to reverse the initial finding. Appeals will be staffed through the original denying activity.

(f) All activities will report suspension of a security clearance to the APG Hunting Facility and the DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) within 5 days. MWR/DES will immediately suspend any Hunting/Trapping permits of persons affected by the suspension.

(3) The appropriate Maryland State Hunting License, as well as the appropriate Maryland and Federal Stamps.

(a) The Maryland license and stamps must be presented when purchasing the APG Hunting Permit.

(b) State license and APG Permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting at APG and must be presented on request.

(4) Proof of attendance (card or certificate) at an approved state hunter safety course. A previous APG permit may be accepted as proof in subsequent years.

(5) Proof of attendance (card) at a UXO identification training presentation. The training will be available for viewing at the point of purchase. A card showing proof of attendance shall be issued by the activity showing the UXO information.

(6) An Assumption of Risk Agreement completed by the applicant. MWR, Bldg 2184, will keep the agreement on file for each person registered to hunt at APG during the hunting season.

b. Hunting Parties and Hunters in Charge:

(1) All hunting at APG is done in parties. All hunting parties will consist of: at least two hunters and, a maximum of 2 for turkey hunting or, a maximum of 3 for deer hunting with shotgun or muzzleloader or, a maximum of 4 for all other hunting, except for double carding (See appendix c).

(2) Each hunting party is led by a Hunter in Charge (HIC). The HIC must be familiar with the assigned area, blind or stand. The HIC will stay with the party for the duration of the hunt. The HIC may be held responsible for hunting violations committed by any member of their hunting party and may thus be subject to being charged for permitting such violations, depending on the outcome of investigations. The HIC will ensure that all members of his party exit the security area at the same gate entered at all times. A HIC designation will be placed in the appropriate space on the IMNE Form 1249. Requirements to become a HIC are in appendix k.

c. Assignment of Hunting Areas:

(1) Hunting and trapping areas will be assigned on the basis of blind drawings every weekday. A blind drawing is defined as a drawing in which the hunter's or trapper's identity is unknown until after the area is assigned. In order to participate in the drawing for an area, the Hunting/Trapping Request form (IMNE Form 1249) must be accurately completed and submitted to APG Hunting Facility not later than 1230 of the regular workday before the desired hunting day. Improperly completed forms will not be considered for the drawing. All requests will list areas preferred.

(2) Blank APG Hunting/Trapping Request forms (IMNE Form 1249) will be available at the APG Hunting Facilities.

(3) Drawings will be conducted by the APG Hunting Facilities staff to determine the assignment of areas to hunting parties.

(4) A group of hunters desiring to hunt as a party must submit one IMNE Form 1249, indicating the names of all party members. The members of that hunting party are not entitled to separate drawings, or simultaneous drawings at AA and EA on the same day. Applications containing the same individual on two requests may invalidate both requests.

(5) Hunters may telephone the APG Hunting Facility for results of drawings after 1530 (AA 410-278-4843, EA 410-436-2735).

(6) Hunters must not contact Range Operations to find out what hunting areas will be open for a particular day; any questions regarding hunting areas should be directed to MWR only.

(7) The completed IMNE Form 1249 will be returned to hunters who have successfully drawn a hunting area when the HF is staffed. The form will show clearly the number of the area on the hunting map in which the permit is valid.

(8) Upon assignment of a hunting area, the completed IMNE Form 1249 constitutes a hunting pass.

(9) The rigid copy of the hunter's APG Hunting Permit will be filed at the Hunting Facility under the assigned area number. It will be kept there until the hunting party returns to check out at the APG Hunting Facility.

(10) The completed IMNE Form 1249 must be displayed in a conspicuous position in the windshield of the vehicle so that it can be easily read.

(11) A vehicle identification tag will be issued for each vehicle carrying hunters to a given area. This identification will be permanently marked with the assigned area number or symbol. It must be displayed conspicuously in the vehicle at all times during the hunt, and while in route, so it can be seen in the vehicle windshield. Deliberate removal of the identification tag is an administrative violation and will cause to suspend the violator from all hunting/trapping. The identification tag must be returned to the point of issue at the end of the hunt. Subsequent hunting privileges will be denied until all previous vehicle identification is returned. Trappers may retain the assigned trapping area identification tags for the season, as only one party is authorized to trap in an area for the season.

(12) A given hunting party may use a maximum of two vehicles except where double carding is allowed (Deer Bow). A maximum of four vehicles may be used under those conditions. In firearms deer hunting only one vehicle is permitted.

(13) Prior to leaving their hunting area, hunters will complete the back of the IMNE Form 1249 to accurately show all game harvested. All members of the hunting party will return with their vehicles to the APG Hunting Facility in order to turn in the IMNE Form 1249 and clear the hunting area. Noncompliance is an administrative violation and will result in the suspension of hunting privileges.

(14) Maps for this regulation are guides, and the signs in the field mark actual hunting/trapping area boundaries.

d. **Security Area Hunting Privilege:** The privilege to access these areas is controlled as follows:

(1) Hunters/trappers will comply with all security requirements. Wildlife Enforcement Officers are authorized to immediately suspend hunting privileges of an individual found in violation of security provisions of this regulation.

(2) The APG Hunting Facility issuing the hunting area assignments will prepare a daily list (original and required copies) of all hunting participants and area assignments as soon as the drawing is completed. The Hunting Management Facility will submit the list to the Operations Branch, APG-AA /APG-EA, Law Enforcement Branch, and Civilian Security Guard Branch of DES, USAGAPG.

(3) The Chief, Civilian Security Guard Branch, will issue the daily hunting rosters to the appropriate gate guards (gates 1, 13 and 25 in AA, or Ricketts Point gate in EA). Guards at those locations will verify that picture identification presented by each adult hunter matches the daily roster of hunters assigned hunting areas in the secured area. Hunters/trappers will use gates 1, 13 and 25 in the Aberdeen Area, or Ricketts Point Road Post 10 gate in the Edgewood Area for entering and exiting security areas.

(4) Hunters must leave through the same gate that they used to enter the secure area, so that they can be checked off the roster as having cleared the area.

e. Opening, Closing and Modification of Hunting Areas:

(1) Persons responsible for range areas, except those from ARL, will inform the Chief, Range Operations, ATC, no later than 1030 each workday, of the controlled areas that they will open to hunting the following day. The Chief, Range Operations, ATC will notify the APG Hunting Management Facility, in writing, at approximately 1230 the same day, regarding the availability of hunting areas for the following day. The APG Hunting Facility will ensure only open hunting areas are issued to hunters using the information provided by Range Operations.

(2) The ARL specific policy is that hunting areas in ARL ranges are closed during normal duty hours. These hunting areas are considered open after 1630 Monday through Friday, all day on the Regular Day Off (RDO), weekends and Holidays unless ARL range managers notify Range Operations otherwise.

(3) Requests for closing hunting areas will be in writing to the Chief of Range Operations providing both dates and reasons for the closure.

(4) The locations and identification of hunting/trapping areas are shown in Appendix P.

f. Tagging and Registration Procedures:

(1) The hunter must affix a completed Maryland State approved field tag to the leg of each turkey, or to the head of each deer, harvested. The Big Game Harvest Record must be completed before removing the game from the area where it was harvested. Possession of a turkey or deer without a completed tag and Harvest Record is a violation. Field tags and instructions for completing the Maryland Big Game Harvest Record can be found in the Maryland Hunting and Trapping guide.

(2) Hunters must proceed to the HF immediately after exiting the assigned hunting area. Under no circumstance will the head, hide or any part of the deer be cut into parts until game harvest data has been collected by the APG Hunting Facility and the deer has been registered with the state .

(3) All turkeys and deer must be registered by the hunter with the State of Maryland, following procedures established by MD DNR. APG cannot do this for you. A summary of the procedures may be posted at each APG Hunting Facility.

g. Game Management:

(1) APG circulars announcing hunting seasons, hours of hunting, and bag limits not conforming to State law will be published prior to start of the season when not included in this regulation.

(2) Deer and turkey bag limits will be published annually and will be based on wildlife population management goals.

h. General:

(1) All deer will be field dressed. The remains will be disposed of by covering them with leaves at the site of the kill. Remains will not be readily visible from roads, facilities or buildings. Participants will remove litter and refuse in the areas in which they are hunting. Violators will be denied hunting privileges and be directed to leave the area.

(2) Intoxication, use, or possession of alcohol or illicit drugs while hunting or trapping is strictly prohibited and may result in suspension of hunting privileges for the entire hunting party. The HIC will police his party's compliance with this requirement.

(3) Meat from game animals will not be introduced into dining facilities or any other Government facility, except family quarters, for storage or consumption.

(4) The U.S. Army and APG are not liable for any ill effects resulting from the consumption of wild game.

(5) All personnel will report illegal hunting practices, poachers, and trespassers to the Police Desks (Aberdeen Area 410-306-0565 or Edgewood Area 410-436-2222) or DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) immediately, giving the names and registry numbers of violator's boats or vehicles, if any, and other available information.

(6) Any person who shields, or conspires with another in the commission of a violation of any provision of this regulation, or who, upon inquiry withholds information from enforcement officers, or who hinders, obstructs, or interferes with, or attempts to hinder, obstruct, or interfere with any officer charged with the administration of this regulation will be barred from hunting or trapping.

(7) All POVs requiring towing will be towed at the owner's/HIC's expense.

(8) It is strongly recommended that hunting parties carry a first aid kit in their equipment.

6. RESTRICTIONS.

a. General Safety:

(1) Hunters/trappers will comply with all safety regulations. DES Wildlife Enforcement Officers are authorized to immediately suspend hunting privileges of an individual found in violation of safety provisions of this regulation.

(2) The HIC will insure that safety information is disseminated to his party before hunting or trapping begins.

(3) A HUNTER/TRAPPER WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP, MOVE, OR OTHERWISE DISTURB, EXPLODED OR UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE MATERIEL OR UNIDENTIFIABLE ITEMS LOCATED IN HUNTING/TRAPPING AREAS. Location of questionable items must be noted on the back of the returned Hunting/Trapping Request form (IMNE Form 1249) and reported to the CSR. The CSR will report to DES who will call 911.

(4) Hunters will have safe fields of fire to and beyond their targets. Under no circumstances will a weapon be discharged toward any building, igloo magazine, blind, or other structure. Discharge of firearms will not be allowed within 600 feet of any building or structure.

(5) Hunters will unload weapons and verify all weapons are unloaded before leaving the assigned hunting areas. No loaded weapon will be carried in or on any vehicle. All muzzle loaders will be discharged before leaving the hunting area. (See Appendix D)

(6) Privately owned vehicles equipped with catalytic converters must not be parked on grassy areas or within 50 feet of any ammunition storage area, magazine, etc.

(7) Smoking or use of flame producing devices are not allowed in hunting areas except where instructed or as marked by signs. Smoking is prohibited in explosives/range areas.

(8) Hunters and trappers will wear solid “daylight fluorescent orange” that covers their head, back and chest. A cap, and a vest, or a jacket with orange panels may be used. All solid daylight fluorescent orange color will be in good condition. The DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) will determine the condition. The following groups are granted exceptions to this policy:

(a) Waterfowl Hunters.

(b) Dove Hunters.

(c) Bow and Arrow Deer and Ground Hog Hunters.

(d) Turkey Hunters when stationary. All Turkey Hunters must wear daylight fluorescent orange cap or vest while moving.

(e) Trappers and Falconers may use a cap only.

(9) All hunters will use an approved commercially manufactured safety belt or full body safety harness while hunting from an elevated position or stand. The belt or harness will be attached to the hunter and the tree concurrently while the hunter is off the ground.

(10) When DES Wildlife Enforcement Officers are requested to recover game/birds/deer that are outside the hunting area boundaries, surface or magnetometer sweeps may be needed first, depending on the location of the hunting area, as determined by the ISO.

b. Movement Restrictions:

(1) Hunting/trapping outside the boundaries of an established assigned area is prohibited. Security and UXO safety requirements mandate restricting hunters to specified areas. Specific area maps are included in appropriate appendices to this regulation.

(2) Hunters may not depart for their hunting areas prior to 90 minutes before the beginning or end of legal hunting times, with the exception of waterfowl hunters.

(3) Individuals will use the most direct road route to and from assigned areas and will only travel on roads.

(4) Test roads are closed to all hunter Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs). All test roads are clearly marked.

(5) Activities conducted in APG restricted waters will comply with the Code of Federal Regulations, 33 (CFR) Section 334.140.

c. Hunting Restrictions:

(1) The simultaneous hunting of upland game, deer, turkey, or waterfowl is prohibited with the exception that coyotes may also be taken in accordance with state law when the hunter possesses the proper furbearer stamp. There is no coyote hunting on Sundays.

(2) Driving deer (See Glossary) is not permitted for safety reasons.

(3) Deer/Turkey/Duck Calls - Hand or mouth operated calls are legal; however, you may not hunt or attempt to hunt deer/ turkeys/ducks at APG and the State of Maryland with the aid or possession of:

(a) Recorded deer/turkey/duck calls or sounds

(b) Recorded or electrically amplified imitations of deer/turkey/duck calls

(c) Any electronic device by which these calls are conveyed or amplified

(4) Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited. Handicapped hunters with a Maryland Department of Natural Resources Handicapped Hunter Certificate will be accommodated within the regular hunting program.

(5) Hunting Dogs

(a) All dogs used for hunting on APG will be vaccinated for rabies, and proof of current vaccination must be available for presentation to DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) on request.

(b) Dogs that stray from hunting areas into other areas may be pursued/ retrieved from the roadway only. The DES Wildlife Enforcement Officers must be notified before initiating the search.

(7) Hunting on Holidays:

(a) Hunting on Christmas Day is prohibited.

(b) Hunting after 1200 on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve is prohibited. All hunters will clear the Hunting Management Facility by that time.

(c) Drawings for holidays will be held in conjunction with the drawing for the last normal hunting day drawing before the holiday. Half-day holiday drawings will be held on the last full hunting day. Any required adjustments will be posted.

(8) Hours of hunting will conform to the State of Maryland regulation when not otherwise specified.

d. Weapons.

(1) The only authorized weapons are shotguns, muzzle loading weapons with a muzzle velocity less than 2300 feet per second, long bows, compound bows, recurved bows, crossbows, and approved raptors. Compressed air weapons are permitted for raccoon and opossum hunting/trapping only. Handguns, rifles and combination shotgun/rifles are prohibited in the field at any time. All weapons used at APG will conform to Maryland law.

(2) Laser Sighting Devices or any other types of sighting devices that project a light beam of any type are prohibited for hunting.

(3) While transporting, all firearms and crossbows will be cased.

(4) Any person found with an unauthorized weapon or ammunition in his possession while hunting will have his hunting permit suspended and may be permanently prohibited from hunting on APG. This action is in addition to any legal action deemed appropriate.

7. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY. Requests for an exception will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Installation Hunting Management Team and final recommendations made by the USAGAPG, MWR Director, for approval/disapproval by the Commanding Officer, APG. Request for exception must include a security letter or criminal history check (if required). The Installation Security Officer will coordinate with affected Garrison Supported Organization Security Officers, as required. The length of the exceptions will also be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the policy affected. Unless otherwise noted, exceptions are indefinite unless voided by actions of the requestor. Those exceptions will be terminated in writing and provided to the hunter.

8. CONTROL.

a. MWR, Outdoor Recreation, Bldg 2184, will maintain an accurate and current register of the persons granted APG permits, to include APG permit and State license numbers. A copy of the completed APG Hunting Permit must be on file at MWR.

b. The Hunting Facility staff will review all IMNE Form 1249's submitted to insure that they have been completed properly. The Hunting Facility will insure each APG permit number on the completed IMNE Form 1249 is of the correct type, implying eligibility to hunt at APG. After an area has been assigned, the Hunting Facility will issue the completed IMNE Form 1249 to the hunting party HIC or alternate HIC only.

c. Failure to maintain accurate and current records is an administrative violation. A copy of the participant ledger will be provided to the DPW Biologist at the end of the Hunting /Trapping Season.

9. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 190-29, Misdemeanors and Uniform Violation Notices referred to U.S. Magistrates or District Courts
- b. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities
- c. AR 200-1, Natural Resources – Environmental Protection and Enhancement
- d. Army Regulation 385-64, US Army Explosives Safety Program
- e. 16 USC 703-711, Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- f. APGR 385-1, Range Administration

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B2 plus 2,000 Community Recreation Div, MWR, USAGAPG
25 Conservation and Beautification Committee
10 Range Safety Div, ATC
1 Aberdeen Archery Club, P.O. Box 8, APG, MD 21005
1 Installation Safety Office, Bldg 4304
2 Publications Stockroom, Bldg E5179
2 Admin Svcs Div, DHR
<http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/>

APPENDIX A

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS

1. GENERAL. Favorable Criminal History Checks (CHC) afford persons without a current security clearance an opportunity to participate in the APG hunting program.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. The CHC must be less than 120 days old at the time of application.

b. The original CHC and fingerprint card must be submitted to DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s). (Note: DES Wildlife Enforcement Officers are aware of the states that do not provide fingerprint cards; however, all others will be submitted.)

c. The CHC must include criminal history from the current state of residence. In addition, you must present a CHC from any state in which you resided during the past 5 years where you have a criminal record.

d. Persons rejected by the review procedure may appeal to DES, but they must provide any/all documentation needed to reverse the initial findings.

3. MARYLAND CHCS ARE OBTAINED FROM MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)*
6776 Reisterstown Road (North end of Reisterstown Road Plaza Mall)
Suite 102
Baltimore, MD 21215

(410) 764-4501 or toll free 1(888) 795-0011
Hours of operation M-F 8:30am – 6pm, 1st & 3rd Sat 8am – 4pm, Closed State holidays
<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/bgchecks.shtml>

The State Police Barrack in Bel Air and Northeast offers Finger Print Services. Call each site for dates and times.

*The CJIS will only accept a Check. They CANNOT ACCEPT CASH, CREDIT CARDS, OR ATM CARDS.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. It is the responsibility of the hunter to see that his completed CHC with fingerprint cards are turned in to the AA or EA Hunting Facility. They may also be turned in or mailed to:

APG Police – Marine and Wildlife Branch
2200 Aberdeen Blvd.
APG, MD 21005

- b. Completed CHCs are accepted starting on the second Monday of July. DES requires two weeks to process properly completed CHCs before Outdoor Recreation will be notified of approval to purchase an APG hunting permit.

APPENDIX B

SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF APG HUNTING PRIVILEGES

1. GENERAL

a. This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws regarding hunting. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties.

b. As a result of a violation, individuals may lose hunting privileges and have their personal equipment confiscated. Additionally, individuals may face criminal charges in United States Magistrate Court or District Court. In these cases, in addition to the loss of hunting privileges, individuals may have to pay a fine and/or appear before the United States District Court and face more serious penalties.

c. Individuals violating any regulation or law relating to hunting will receive a citation noting the suspension of APG hunting privileges. The individual's hunting privileges are immediately suspended or revoked for the period of time specified on the citation.

d. If the individual disagrees and believes he/she did not commit an offense, he/she must, within (10) calendar days, from the date cited, file a written appeal to:

Deputy to the Garrison Commander
Aberdeen Proving Ground
(IMNE-APG-ZB)
2201 Aberdeen Boulevard
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001

(1) Failure to contact the Garrison Commander with (10) calendar days will constitute waiver of the right to appeal and the suspension will stand.

(2) If an individual files an appeal, he/she may request a hearing, to give an explanation of the incident and present evidence to show good cause for request for reconsideration or modification of suspension.

(3) If an appeal is filed, the individual's hunting privileges will remain suspended until the matter is decided. The decision of the Garrison Commander is final.

(4) If an individual is cited for committing any criminal offense, violations will be properly annotated by a Police report (DA 3975); privileges will immediately be suspended and/or revoked until the case is decided by forfeiture of collateral or pending trial in Magistrates Court or U.S. District Court.

2. AUTHORITY

a. The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), USAGAPG, Director or his designated agent (Marine and Wildlife Officers) will enforce applicable laws and regulations concerning natural resources and has the authority to immediately suspend the violator's privileges to hunt or trap on APG.

b. The DES, USAGAPG, designated agent (Marine and Wildlife Officer) will notify the violator when cited, his/her privilege has been suspended/revoked and the length of the suspension. The violator will be notified of the time limit and procedures to appeal.

3. VIOLATIONS

a. Violations of this regulation need only to be proven by preponderance of the evidence in order to impose administrative action. The suspension of hunting privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any judicial or punitive actions.

b. If a suspension of privileges occurs at or near the end of the license year (APG hunting season), then the remaining suspension period will be carried over to the next license year (APG hunting season). Any suspension imposed for a violation will not be shortened except through filing an appeal.

c. Any violation/offense may result in suspension or revocation of privileges to hunt on APG. The following is a list of common violations and the minimum suspension of privileges. Longer suspensions or permanent revocation of privileges may be applied based on the severity of the matter and/or multiple violations.

Common Violations/Offenses

Minimum Period of Administrative Suspension of Privileges

Failure to deposit a copy of APG hunting permit
at the Hunting Facility prior to the daily hunt.

10 Days

Failure to display IMNE form 1249 and vehicle
identification tag conspicuously in the vehicle
Days

10

Hunters must have APG permit validated prior to hunting

10 Days

Failure to have photo identification in possession

10 Days

Utilizing more than two vehicles (except double card)

10 Days

Common Violations/OffensesMinimum Period of Administrative
Suspension of Privileges

Members of hunting party not entitled to separate drawings or simultaneous drawings at APG North and APG South	10 Days
Hunters will record all game harvested on the back of IMNE Form 1249 and return the form to the Hunting Facility.	10 Days
Parking within 50 feet of any ammunition storage area, magazine	10 Days
Failure to park at designated parking areas (firearms)	10 Days
Failure to have arrows marked accordingly	10 Days
Failure to have covered quiver for broad heads (archery)	10 Days
Failure to sign in and out when accessing the hunting area	10 Days
Hunter in charge privileges may be suspended for any and all violations of hunting regulations/laws they commit or any member of the HIC's hunting party commits (HIC privileges)	15 Days
Hunters will notify Hunting Facility of tracking deer (archery)	15 Days
Failure to use the most direct route to and from assigned area	30 Days
Hunting more than fifty yards from assigned area (red stake) firearm	30 Days
Tracking will cease two hours after legal hunting (archery)	30 Days
While transporting, all firearms and crossbows will be cased	45 Days
Hunting parties will consist of minimum members and not exceed maximum members	45 Days
Failure to wear Daylight Fluorescent Orange cap or vest as required while turkey hunting	45 Days
Firing in unsafe direction or outside indicated area	45 Days

Common Violations/OffensesMinimum Period of Administrative
Suspension of Privileges

Route to hunting area 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours.	45 Days
Driving privately owned vehicle on test roads Days	60
Deer will field dressed in the field and remains covered, not visible from roads, facilities, or buildings	60 Days
Failure to bring deer harvested directly to the Hunting Management Facility	60 Days
Failure to wear approved manufactured safety belt or harness while hunting from elevated position	60 Days
Hunters will be accompanied by Hunter-in Charge (HIC)	90 Days
Hunting or pursue game in other than assigned area (outside boundary markers)	90 Days
Driving deer is prohibited Year	One
Littering Year	One
Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and/or narcotics	One Year
Persons who conspire with another or withholds information, hindering, obstructs, interferes, etc... with enforcement officers	One Year
Failure to comply with safety and/or security requirements	One Year
Intentionally disturbing the trapping area, equipment, or catch of persons authorized to participate in the trapping program or those individuals engaged in pest or animal control	One Year

APPENDIX C

ARCHERY DEER & WOODCHUCK HUNTING

1. GENERAL.

a. All archery hunters must satisfactorily complete bow safety seminar and annual proficiency qualifications coordinated and promoted by MWR. Prior to hunting, all hunters must have both copies of their APG Hunting Permit validated with the qualification stamp. Archery hunting or attempting to archery hunt without a current qualification stamp is an administrative violation. A qualification record will be maintained for each hunter and used by MWR to verify that all qualification requirements have been met.

b. DES Wildlife Enforcement Officers will recover wounded deer moving outside the hunting area boundaries. Hunters will not pursue game beyond the limits of their assigned hunting areas.

c. Since bow and arrow hunting is permitted in areas where, for safety reasons, shotgun hunting is prohibited, personnel must be particularly careful to insure that arrow line of flight is clear of personnel and equipment to and beyond their target.

2. EQUIPMENT.

a. Bows must have a minimum pull weight in compliance with state law.

b. Arrows with broad heads, approved and having sharpened cutting edges and minimum blade width of seven-eighths of an inch are the only arrows authorized for deer or woodchuck hunting at APG.

c. The hunter must mark each arrow used with his first initial and last name. Information will be placed between two fletches on the shaft of each arrow used at APG to provide permanent identification of ownership. The name on the arrow shaft must be etched and filled with or just painted with, a contrasting color. A matched set of four arrows, without flaws, with both aligned broad head and field points are required for qualification.

d. The hunter must use a quiver or case that covers, or in some manner protects the hunter from, the sharpened arrowheads at all times.

e. Bow mounted lights, including laser sights are prohibited. Illuminated sight pins are permitted.

f. All crossbows must be in a case while travelling to and from hunting areas. One field bolt may be carried to clear the crossbow.

3. CONTROL.

a. Areas approved for hunting in accordance with this regulation are indicated in figure K-3. Those hunters using areas indicated in these figures are cautioned that shotgun upland hunters may be in surrounding areas. Participants will remain in their assigned areas.

b. Legal hunting hours will conform to Maryland state law.

(1) Any hunter seeking a wounded deer after legal hunting hours will notify the Hunting Facility (410-278-4843 AA) or (410-436-2735 EA) before tracking the animal.

(2) Possession of arrows not contained in a quiver, while tracking a deer after legal hunting hours, will constitute prima facie evidence of illegal hunting.

(3) All tracking will cease 2 hours after the end of legal hunting hours.

c. Wounded deer leaving an approved area or going into a non-hunting area may be retrieved in the company of a Wildlife Enforcement Officer.

4. PROCEDURE. For greater utilization of hunting areas, "Hunters in Charge" (HIC) may combine their parties prior to a drawing (IMNE Form 1249). In no case shall this "double carding" result in combined hunting parties exceeding eight persons. IMNE Form 1249 shall reflect all members.

5. SEASON. Bow hunting in security areas will be suspended during the gun deer season. (Appendix D)

6. ARCHERY WOODCHUCK

a. GENERAL.

(1) The daily hunting areas designated for bow and arrow hunting of woodchuck is the deer bow hunting and upland game areas (Appendix O).

(2) Hunters should be aware that bow and arrow hunting areas are located where firing and other tests of equipment are conducted. Therefore, all personnel in hunting parties must strictly adhere to hunting areas and hours or periods indicated on IMNE Form 1249.

(3) Since bow and arrow hunting will be permitted in areas where, for safety reasons, shotgun hunting is prohibited, persons must be particularly careful to assure their line of flight is clear of personnel, equipment, and facilities.

b. SEASON.

(1) The Archery Woodchuck season will be as follows:

Opening date - 1 September.

Closing date - end of deer bow and arrow season.

(2) There is no bag limit on woodchuck.

APPENDIX D

DEER HUNTING-SHOTGUN/MUZZLE LOADERS

1. GENERAL.

a. The firearms deer seasons will be published each year based on management requirements.

Changes will be noted in the USAGAPG circular announcing hunting seasons and bag limits. Hunting times will be in accordance with Maryland state law

b. Prior to hunting during the firearms deer season, all deer hunters must successfully complete a one-time qualification with either a shotgun or a muzzle-loader. Proof of a prior successful APG qualification will satisfy this requirement. The qualifications will be conducted by the Hunting Facility staff at the AA range only. Specific qualification dates and times will be posted at the Deer Hunting Facilities. Prior to attempting qualifications, the hunter must have both copies of his APG hunting permit in possession. Firearms and ammunition used for this purpose must be the same as those approved for deer hunting on APG. Hunters must supply their own firearm and ammunition. The qualification target will be 10 inches in diameter. The qualification distance will be approximately 50 yards. The hunter must hit the target 3 out of 5 shots. Upon successfully completing the qualification, the Hunting Facility staff will annotate both copies of the hunter's APG Hunting Permit.

c. Hunters must hunt from their assigned stand only. For the purpose of this Appendix, the term stand refers to the position marked by a stake topped with a red can, not an elevated platform. Moving more than 50 yards from the assigned area stake is a violation. Only the DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) may attempt to recover deer outside the 50-yard area. Yellow cans are firing markers which indicate the permitted field of fire (left to right) that hunters are limited to when shooting at a deer. Firing in another direction is a violation.

d. Upland game hunters at APG-AA will be assigned permits for upland game areas used for deer hunting when deer stake locations are unassigned and not scheduled for use.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. A single party for shotgun deer hunting may use only one POV.

b. POVs must be parked at designated parking areas if available.

3. MUZZLE LOADERS. Muzzle loaders will be completely unloaded and cased prior to placing in your POV. APG's definition of unloaded is: primer, powder and projectile completely removed. You may fire your muzzle loader (between yellow cans) or otherwise unload in a safe manner.

4. BLINDS. The use of any type of fabricated blind is prohibited during the muzzle loader and shotgun deer seasons at APG.

APPENDIX E

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

1. GENERAL. Shore blinds of a temporary nature may be erected. The erection of any permanent blinds must be specifically approved by the Commanding Officer, USAGAPG except for the reconstruction of sites previously approved.

2. HUNTING AREAS.

a. The official migratory game bird hunting areas (duck blinds) are indicated in Appendix O.

b. Hunting for migratory game birds at APG is by assignment controlled by the APG Hunting Facility.

c. All areas will be hunted from a boat unless otherwise stated.

(1) Areas 540, 543, 545, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 564, 565, 566, 579, 580, 581, 582, 590, 591, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 653, 654, 655, 656 and 657 may be hunted from the shore. This list may be superseded by the ATC daily range sheets.

(2) Hunting Areas 530, 531, 502, 508, 658 and 659 are limited to the mouth of the creeks.

(3) Only the specific areas identified as cleared within a given area will be the only area where hunting on the shoreline is allowed. If limited sections in an area are cleared only those areas can be hunted from shore.

(4) As areas are cleared, they are posted at the Hunting Facility and shoreline access permitted as of that time. The list in subparagraph c (1) above will be updated as subsequent changes to the regulation or when a complete revision is needed.

d. Areas 608 through 612 will have access from the water only, but shoreline hunting is permitted.

e. Access to all areas will normally be from within the APG boundaries, with the exception of Poole's Island, Carroll Island and Graces Quarters. For safety reasons, alternate launch sites must be approved by DES prior to hunting. .

f. Use of raptors in waterfowl hunting is allowed and follows the same procedure established in Appendix C. Only waterfowl areas may be used and other upland species will not be taken.

g. A second blind drawing for issuing a second waterfowl hunting area is permitted for unused available areas. Hunting parties desiring to draw a second area must follow the same procedure with the IMNE Form 1249 as in an initial drawing. The hunter to be considered must mark the IMNE Form 1249 for the second drawing. The forms will be marked “1st draw” or “2nd draw” as appropriate.

h. All water fowlers will check in at the Hunting Facility when finished for the day or within two hours of the close of legal hunting hours.

i. Partial closure of an area for mission related reasons is permitted. The portions of the area left open will be accessed by boat only.

APPENDIX F

UPLAND GAME/EARLY MIGRATORY BIRDS

1. GENERAL.

a. Hunting of upland game and early migratory birds is permitted during the published APG season only.

b. Requests for daily hunting permits to hunt upland game and early migratory birds will be made to the APG Hunting Facility.

c. Upland game hunting at the Edgewood area will be suspended during the firearms deer hunting season except in areas containing no deer stands.

d. Hunting dogs will be under reasonable control at all times. Hunters will not pursue dogs out of assigned areas.

e. Hunting using raptors is permitted providing the following conditions are met:

(1) All permits and licenses, Federal, State, and APG, are current and available for inspection while hunting.

(2) The hunter competes in the area drawing with other upland hunters.

(3) The hunter is a HIC or is accompanied by a HIC.

(4) Hunters using raptors may not pursue birds out of their assigned areas. Recovery of the bird will be permitted after coordination with the DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) or the HMF when the DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) is not readily available

f. Hunters using bow and arrow must use a blunt head or similar head. No broad heads are permitted. All upland bow hunters must comply with conditions of Appendix C except for those involving broad heads.

g. DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) will be requested to recover game that is outside hunting area boundaries. Hunters will not pursue game beyond the limits of their assigned hunting areas.

2. HUNTING AREAS.

a. The official hunting areas are indicated on the daily posted ATC range sheets in the HF.

b. The official hunting area maps in Appendix O show the locations of the posted areas

APPENDIX G

WILD TURKEY HUNTING (SPRING SEASON)

1. GENERAL.

- a. Season, bag limits, and maximum APG harvest allowed, will be published annually based on management criteria.
- b. Hunting of turkeys is permitted only within the boundaries of the assigned areas and when using the appropriate weapon.
- c. DES, Wildlife Enforcement Officers may attempt to recover turkeys that are outside hunting area boundaries. Hunters must not pursue game beyond the limits of their assigned hunting areas.

2. DRAWING AND ELIGIBILITY.

- a. Upland game areas will be used on an equal basis by both bow and shotgun hunters; bow hunting areas will be issued for bow hunting only.

3. HUNTING AREAS. The official areas are:

- a. Figure P-1 - Upland hunting.
- b. Figure P-3 - Bow hunting.
- c. Figure P- 4 Shotgun/Muzzle-loader stands if available

4. HUNTING PARTIES. All turkey hunting parties will consist of two hunters.

5. EQUIPMENT.

- a. Hunters will wear daylight fluorescent orange cap or vest while moving. (Safety) Orange will not be required while stationary.
- b. Use or possession of any type of electronically amplified or recorded calling devices is not permitted for Spring Turkey hunting at APG.
- c. Baits may not be used.

6. TAGGING AND REPORTING WILD TURKEY HARVESTS.

a. A hunter who harvests a bearded turkey will, before removing the carcass from an assigned area, affix a field tag to the leg of the turkey and complete the Big Game Harvest Record.

b. Each hunter harvesting a bearded turkey will, immediately upon leaving the hunting area, report the harvest in person to the appropriate Hunting Facility personnel so that data may be collected and register with the state.

APPENDIX H

TRAPPING

1. GENERAL.

- a. All trapping areas are indicated in figure P-5.
- b. Traps must be checked in accordance with Maryland regulations and the APG trapping SOP.
- c. All traps will be marked legibly with the name of the trapper. Traps found unmarked will be confiscated as illegal traps.
- d. Intentional disturbance of the trapping area, equipment, or catch of persons authorized to participate in the trapping program, or those individuals engaged in pest or animal control, be a violation of this regulation.
- e. Persons violating provisions in this appendix will be declared ineligible for trapping.

2. PROCEDURES.

- a. Trapping areas will be assigned to individuals on the basis of a blind drawing at the beginning of the trapping season. If necessary, a second drawing will be made at the midpoint of the trapping season to allow additional persons to participate..
- b. Trapping areas will be limited to one area per household unless areas are available after the first drawing. Persons desiring to trap more than one area will attend a second drawing for unused areas, which will be held for this specific purpose.
- c. If a trapper no longer desires to use an area, the trapper will notify a Hunting Facility Official and the area will be made available in a subsequent drawing.
- d. Persons who draw an area through the random drawing will not be permitted to turn in the area after the drawing for the purpose of combining as a co-trapper in another area.
- e. Trapping areas are not transferrable.
- f. After assignment of areas has been completed, the Hunting Facility will furnish a listing to the Director, Law Enforcement and Security USAGAPG, indicating the trappers' names, areas of assignment, and hunting/trapping permit numbers. Changes to the list will be forwarded as they occur.

g. All trappers will display a completed IMNE Form 1249 in the windshield of their vehicle while in assigned trapping areas. All personnel engaged in trapping in an area must be registered on the completed IMNE Form 1249.

h. Trapping must be done in parties of not more than four persons and not less than two. One person in the party must be a hunter-in-charge. All persons in the party must possess a Maryland fur-bearer license, Maryland state license and APG permit.

i. In the event of prolonged illness or absence due to job related duties of the hunter-in-charge assigned to the trapping area, DES must be notified and other members of the party must assume the responsibilities of removing or disengaging traps.

j. Trappers may not set or tend traps outside of their assigned area,

k. Trappers will report all game to MWR at the conclusion of the trapping season. Reports will be submitted not later than 31 March annually. Names of persons who fail to submit reports will be submitted to DES Wildlife Enforcement Officer(s) for appropriate action. Failure to submit a seasonal report will result in the revocation of trapping privileges (RCS exempt under AR 335-15, subpara 7-2v).

3. SPECIAL BEAVER TRAPPING AREAS. Any special beaver trapping areas will be included in the trapping circular that supplements this regulation.

4. SNAPPING TURTLE TRAPPING PROGRAM

a. PERMITS/ELIGIBILITY.

(1) Persons desiring to trap turtles must obtain an APG Hunting/Trapping permit.

(2) Commercial fishermen, who possess a valid APG fishing permit in accordance with APGR 210-10, may trap turtles under that permit alone. Traps will be placed in areas as specified in subpara 2b.

b. TURTLE TRAPPING AREAS.

(1) Turtle trapping is allowed in waters located in established trapping areas (figure K-5), or commercial fishing waters

(2) Persons with APG Commercial Fishing Permits can only trap turtles in the authorized commercial fishing waters. All trap locations will be marked and reported to DES by the permitted Commercial Fisherman. (See APGR 210-10).

c. METHOD OF TRAPPING.

(1) Turtle trapping will be consistent with Maryland laws and regulations with the exception that no hooks may be used.

(2) The use of non-motorized boats is permitted only for turtle trapping in non-tidal water areas, except for commercial fishermen in open waters. The Commander or his designated agent may grant other exceptions.

d. ENTRY INTO TRAPPING AREAS. Regular trapping conditions apply to Turtle Trapping.

e. PROCEDURES.

(1) Each trapper will notify the Hunting Facility of the Areas where he will be placing traps.

(2) All trappers will check their traps at least once daily unless entrance to the area is prohibited for safety or security reasons.

(3) Each trap, pot, or net will have the trapper's name attached to it in a conspicuous manner.

(4) After assignment of areas, the Hunting Facility will give DES, USAGAPG a list containing trappers' names, areas of assignment, and hunting/trapping request numbers. Changes will be made when they occur.

(5) Turtle trappers will report harvests to the DPW Wildlife Biologist, USAGAPG, ATTN: IMNE-APG-PWE.

f. SEASON.

(1) Turtle trapping season will be as follows:

- Opening date - 1st Monday of April.

- Closing date - 4th Saturday of June.

(2) No daily bag limit is established.

APPENDIX I

UPLAND GAME (RACCOON AND OPOSSUM)

1. GENERAL.

a. Hunting is permitted from sunset to sunrise only. No hunting is permitted between sunrise and midnight on Sundays.

b. Hunting dogs will be under the hunter's control at all times. Dogs that stray from hunting areas into other areas may be pursued or retrieved from the roadway only. The DES security and police will be notified before initiating the search.

2. HUNTING AREAS AND WEAPONS.

a. Raccoon and opossum hunting will be permitted only in the upland game areas presently approved for hunting indicated in figure K-1.

b. One weapon per hunting party is authorized; weapon will be either a shotgun or a compressed air weapon.

APPENDIX J

HUNTING PERMIT FEES

1. GENERAL.

a. Hunting permit fees at APG are published annually and are set by the MWR Program Manager after consultation with the Installation Conservation Committee. There are four classes of permits.

- (1) Regular Single Season.
- (2) Regular Multiple Season.
- (3) Junior, Senior, Handicapped Single Season.
- (4) Junior, Senior, Handicapped Multiple Season.

b. MWR may charge an administrative fee to defray NAF expenses of day to day operations. Additional activity fees may be established to defray NAF expenses of getting participants to and from the field safely. The fees will be reported separately to comply with the requirements of the Sikes Act.

APPENDIX K

Hunter-in-Charge Requirements

1. General

a. Eligibility to become a HIC requires that the applicant be:

(1) Authorized to hunt at APG in subparagraph 4d. (excluding guests and immediate family members).

(2) Completely familiar with safety and security requirements in the security areas.

(3) Approved for this responsibility by the applicable issuing activity.

b. A member of one of these authorized groups:

(1) Active duty Military assigned to APG

(2) APG Civilian and fulltime Non Appropriated Fund Employees

(3) Active or Retired National Guard who are, or were, assigned to APG

(4) Retired Military who retired while stationed at APG (DD Form 214)

(5) Retired Military with proof of program participation after 1 July 1990, but prior to 1 July 1994.

(6) Retired APG civilians

(7) Badged Multi-year Contractors that support mission requirements with a written request and concurrence from the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and the COR's Security Office.

c. Actual program participation is determined for a specific season based on the threat condition. Appendix N contains the matrix that establishes the final categories in which they may participate in the program.

d. HIC status will be validated yearly after the completion of refresher training.

2. Provisional Hunter In Charge Program

a. All eligible hunters desiring to become a Hunter In Charge (HIC) must successfully complete the Provisional Hunter In Charge (PHIC) certification program. This program is designed to introduce the PHIC to the unique challenges of hunting at APG. The program consists of a classroom education component and supervised field experience of at least one year.

b. All PHIC must meet the HIC eligibility requirements as defined in APGR 200-6, Section 4. d.

c. All hunters desiring to be a PHIC will be issued a status card concurrent with their purchase of an APG Hunting Permit. The PHIC will present his status card to the approving authority for annotation immediately upon completion of any segment of the PHIC program.

d. The PHIC must complete, and have documented, all segments of the program listed below:

(1) Participate in the APG Hunting program for one full hunting season

(2) Attend the HIC Seminar (the Archery Hunting Seminar may substitute for this).

(3) Attend the PHIC Hunting Area Familiarization Tour.

(4) Participate in eight escorted hunts, within one hunting season, under any of the following circumstances:

(a) As part of an MWR escorted trip (waterfowl hunting trips excluded). You may assemble your own party or MWR will combine individuals to form a party. All hunting parties will have a minimum of two and a maximum of four hunters. Other restrictions may also apply to the MWR escorted trips.

(b) When invited to accompany a HIC party.

(c) As PHIC to a party that has been invited to be escorted by a HIC party to the PHIC's assigned area.

e. Upon successful documented completion of all the HIC requirements, the PHIC may apply for a HIC card.

f. After the HIC card is issued, the hunter must return his PHIC permit to MWR. He can then show his HIC card and apply for a HIC hunting permit. MWR will issue the hunter a replacement APG hunting permit showing the new status.

g. The escort is not responsible for actions of the hunting party, the PHIC is responsible.

APPENDIX L

RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE FOR NEW HUNTING OR TRAPPING AREAS

1. General

a. All requests for new or reopened hunting or trapping areas will be submitted to the DPW Biologist (ATTN: IMNE-APG-PWE), who will present the request to the Conservation and Beautification Committee for review and consideration.

b. If the Committee determines the request has merit, the committee chair will then request comments and consideration from DPW, ATC Range Operations, the respective Safety Offices, DPW Environmental Management Division and other appropriate organizations, (i.e. security, etc.). These organizations will review the areas requested for any known or suspected hazards, such as UXO or environmental issues, and provide written comments to the committee for evaluation.

c. If an area has potential UXO contamination the committee will consult with the Installation Safety Office to determine whether EOD personnel will need to complete a visual or magnetometer sweep of the area. , The results of any sweep must be provided by EOD personnel in a written report, also stating whether the area can be safely opened to hunting/trapping. Depending on this report, the committee will decide whether or not to pursue opening the area to hunting.

d. The Committee will provide their conclusions to MWR for inclusion in a risk assessment, which will be forwarded to the Installation Safety Office for further review. The Safety Office will coordinate and forward its recommendation(s) to the Installation Commander for a decision to assume the determined level of risk. Upon Command approval, a record will be maintained by the committee chair for the Committee. Such areas will be periodically reviewed in accordance with Army safety regulations.

APPENDIX M
RESPONSIBILITIES

1. General

a. MWR, USAGAPG, Chief, Community Recreation Division will:

- (1) Sell APG Hunting permits and receive a fee for each permit sold.
- (2) Administer the day to day operations of the recreational hunting and trapping programs for the Installation, with authority to delegate any portion thereof, with written permission of the Commander, APG.
- (3) In coordination with the Installation Conservation and Beautification Committee, prepare, coordinate, approve and effect publication and dissemination of recreational hunting and trapping regulations, maps and required changes and operational procedures.
- (4) Provide hunters/trappers with a copy of this regulation at the time of registration, and instruct all hunters/trappers to become thoroughly familiar with this regulation.
- (5) Coordinate certified Maryland hunter education classes.
- (6) Conduct annual bow hunting seminars.
- (7) Conduct annual bow hunting qualifications.
- (8) Monitor condition of deer hunting areas, and mark firing zones.
- (9) Ensure hunters are assigned only to areas approved as open by Range Operations, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC).
- (10) Coordinate the mandatory safety seminar and UXO presentations and maintain records of attendance.
- (11) Conduct periodic Risk Assessments for changes to established hunting areas and newly requested areas. (See Risk Assessment procedures Appendix L.)
- (12) Be responsible for collecting raw information on animals harvested and provide final harvest results to the DPW Biologist within 20 days of the end of each hunting season.
- (13) Provide the coursework, hunting areas tour, hunting escorts for the HIC certification program.

b. DPW, USAGAPG, will:

(1) Exercise technical supervision and set game management policy and requirements as the basis for the Installation recreational hunting and trapping programs.

(2) Provide professional guidance for all proposed wildlife projects.

(3) Conduct wildlife studies, and analyze harvest and survey data to determine management goals.

(4) Establish seasons and bag limits to achieve management goals.

(5) Submit a report to the APG Conservation and Beautification Committee indicating the total deer harvest for inclusion in the yearly report completed by the committee at the end of the APG deer season,

(6) Ensure the Chief, ATC Range Operations, receives current hunting/ trapping season schedules.

(7) Requests for changes in active hunting/trapping area(s) boundaries, without increasing the outside dimensions of the area, will be submitted to the DPW Biologist. The DPW Biologist will coordinate the submissions with the respective safety office (i.e., ARL, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center (ECBC), etc.) and ATC Range Operations for approvals. The ISO will approve or reject the request based on information provided by the activities.

c. DES, USAGAPG will:

(1) Enforce the APG recreational hunting and trapping regulations and all applicable laws.

(2) Provide personnel (i.e. DES Wildlife Enforcement Officers) to specifically enforce Natural Resources statutes and regulations.

(3) DES Wildlife and Marine officers may observe the Hunting Facilities (HMF) operations to ensure compliance with this regulation, and security and safety procedures. The officers may also observe daily operations to ensure that established operational procedures are being followed. If inappropriate actions are found, the officers may instruct the staff to cease such actions and immediately contact MWR for resolution.

(4) Ensure security guards follow prescribed written procedures to process eligible persons through security gates and deny access to those persons lacking the proper information.

(5) Coordinate with DPW, Installation Safety Office, ATC Range Operations and Installation Security and Intelligence Officers (as applicable) to develop procedures whereby recognized Federal and State conservation officials may have access to the Installation to conduct programs and consultations as required by the Sikes Act. Installation Security and Intelligence staff will coordinate with affected Garrison Supported Organization activities.

d. USAGAPG, Chief Counsel/Staff Judge Advocate, will: Act to prosecute violators of Federal, State, County, and APG recreational hunting and trapping regulations.

e. USAGAPG Installation Safety Office (ISO) will:

(1) Review periodic Risk Assessments for changes to established hunting areas and newly requested areas. (See Risk Assessment procedures Appendix L.)

(2) Review and coordinate with applicable activities all recommended changes in established hunting/trapping areas.

(3) Forward recommendations to the Commander for a decision on whether or not to accept any risks involved with opening hunting areas.

(4) Provide the requestor written notice of decisions on new areas.

(5) Provide MWR information on hazards affecting hunting area suitability.

f. ATC, Chief, Range Operations, will: Designate areas open or closed to hunting based on security restraints and range operations. Requests to open areas will be submitted in writing to Range Operations.

g. The Installation Conservation and Beautification Committee will:

(1) Coordinate and review programs and projects designed to improve the habitat and wildlife propagation potential of the Installation.

(2) Cooperate with MWR in the revision of recreational hunting and trapping regulations, maps and operational procedures.

h. United States Army Public Health Command (USAPHC) will: Provide technical support to USAGAPG in matters concerning the health of the APG deer herd.

i. Sponsors of guest(s) and/or family member(s) will:

(1) Obtain a copy of this regulation and insure their guests/immediate family members are properly oriented and understand this regulation and applicable Federal and Maryland Game laws.

(2) Be held responsible for any and all violations of hunting regulations or laws committed by their guests/immediate family members. Violations may result in the sponsor being suspended from the APG hunting program.

(3) Ensure all guests obtain the needed UXO identification training.

Appendix N.

Hunting/Trapping Program Participation by Threat Condition

Category / Condition	Normal	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta
APG Military	+	+	+	+	--
APG Military Family member	+	+	+	+	--
APG Military Guest	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Family member	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Guest	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Retiree	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Retiree Family member	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Retiree Guest	+	+	+	+	--
Essential Multi-year Contractor	+	+	+	+	--
Essential Multi-year Contractor Family member	+	+	+	+	--
Essential Multi-year Contractor Guest	+	+	+	+	--
National Guard/ reserve activated at APG	+	+	+	+	--
Non-APG military	+	+	+	+	--
Military Retiree	+	+	+	+	--
Military Retiree Family member	+	+	+	+	--
Military Retiree Guest	+	+	+	+	--
Approved Foreign National with escort	+	--	--	--	--
Distinguished Visitors	+	+	+	+	--
Guests of Distinguished Visitors	+	+	+	+	--

APPENDIX 0
HUNTING AREA MAPS
(SEPARATE PACKET)

APPENDIX P

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

1. General

- a. USAGAPG, DFMWR, Community Recreation Division, Outdoor Recreation Program Manager (MWR) is responsible for coordinating the participation of all distinguished visitors (DV) to the APG Hunting Program.
- b. A Distinguished Visitor is defined by APGR 200-6 as a dignitary desiring to hunt at APG and who falls into one of the following categories:
 - 1 U.S. Congressional Personnel - members of the United States House of Representatives or United States Senate.
 - 2 Active Duty and retired General and Flag Officers and Senior Executive Service (SES) equivalents.
 - 3 Key congressional staff members at SES level or equivalent
 - 4 Guest who meet the requirements of APGR 200-6 and are accompanied during the hunt by a category listed.
- c. Distinguished Visitors wishing to hunt at APG for the first time are requested to notify MWR at least 48 hours prior to their arrival date to allow for processing paperwork.
- d. MWR will:
 - 1 Ensure all participants meet DV eligibility requirements or have appropriate exception to policy documentation.
 - 2 Ensure participants are properly screened for security requirements.
 - 3 Assist with and confirm that all DV hunters and their guests have the following:
 - Valid Maryland State hunting license and applicable stamps.
 - Proof of completion of state approved Hunter Safety Course
 - APG Hunting Permit

- 4 Ensure DV party is briefed reference APG rules and regulations and monitors the party for compliance.
- 5 If necessary, coordinate a hunter in charge (HIC) who will:
 - Assist with procedures for the assignment of a hunting area for the day of the hunt.
 - Accompany the DV party at all times while in the field
 - Coordinate the completion of all paperwork required and new Maryland call-in regulations for any animal harvested by DV party.
- 6 Create a roster of each DV party for each days hunt, including full name and area assigned and will ensure roster is presented at Gate 13 before accessing Gate 13. Roster will be provided to DES/MWE agents.
- 7 Verify that all vehicles used have hunting party cards displayed while in security areas.

GLOSSARY

- a. Active Duty Military: Military personnel currently in active duty status.
- b. Assigned to APG: Primary duty station of the military person involved.
- c. Administrative Violation: A violation of procedural aspects of the regulation which does not constitute a violation of state or federal laws and which does not jeopardize the APG mission or security.
- d. Active National Guard: National Guard personnel while on active duty status.
- e. Bag Limit: Maximum number of animals that can be legally harvested. The applicable APG Regulation, state, or federal law applies.
- f. Command Sponsored Hunter: Person(s) hunting or trapping as a separate class of hunters that do not fit into other groups of active duty and retired military, Department of Army Civilian Employees of APG, retired DA Civilian Employees, or VIPs. Access to this special group is acquired through direct request through APG command channels.
- g. Department of Army Civilian Employees of APG: Current Federal Civilian work force for APG.
- h. Dependent: See Family Member
- i. Distinguished Visitors: Dignitaries who hunt, and who fall into one of the following groups:
 - (1) U.S. Congressional Personnel - members of the United States House of Representatives or United States Senate.
 - (2) Active Duty and retired General and Flag Officers and Senior Executive Service (SES) equivalents.
 - (3) Key congressional staff members at SES level or equivalent.
- j. Draw Out: The failure of a hunter or trapper to be selected in a drawing.
- k. Driving Deer: Organized method of hunting deer where one or more persons approach the deer in an effort to force the animal(s) through a given area where other hunters in their party are waiting to attempt to kill the animal(s).

1. Family Member: (As defined in AR 215-1)

(1) Spouse of a sponsor.

(2) Unmarried widow or widower of a member or former member of a uniformed service.

(3) Unmarried child of a sponsor, including an adopted child, stepchild, foster child, or ward, who either—

(a) Has not passed his/her 21st birthday.

(b) Is incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical incapacity that existed before that birthday and is (or was at the time of the member's or former member's death) in fact dependent on the sponsor for over one-half of his/her support.

(c) Has not passed his/her 23rd birthday, is enrolled in a full-time course of study in an institution of higher learning approved by a Secretary of an executive department specified in 10 USC Section 1073, and is (or was at the time of the member's or former member's death) in fact dependent on the sponsor for over one-half of his/her support.

(4) A parent or parent-in-law of a sponsor who is (or was at the time of the member's or former member's death) in fact dependent on the sponsor for one-half of his/her support and residing in the sponsor's household.

m. Guest: A person sponsored into the Hunting/Trapping Program by an eligible hunter/trapper authorized to sponsor guests.

n. Hunter: A person engaged in the act of hunting.

o. Hunter in Charge: Lead person in the hunting party responsible for the actions of the group and responsible for being familiar with the area boundaries and required safety and security procedures generated by this regulation.

p. Hunting Season: The time when a given type of hunting or trapping is permitted (i.e. 1 Sep - 30 Oct).

q. Immediate family members:

(1) Of active duty and retired military personnel: Those individuals possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(2) Of Department of the Army civilian (DAC) and fulltime Non Appropriated Fund (NAF) employees of APG, and retired Department of the Army civilian (DAC) and fulltime Non Appropriated Fund (NAF) employees of APG: Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.

r. Law Violations: Infringements of State and Federal Laws and Regulations as incorporated into this regulation by subpara 4a of the basic regulation.

s. Multi-Year Contractor: Contractor or employee thereof whose contract covers at least two (2) fiscal years and who meets the following conditions:

(1) Must be a contractor or employee of a contractor performing duties under a current - valid APG contract

(2) Must have his daily work station located at APG

(3) Must possess a valid APG ID card

NOTE: Employees of sub-contractors, who are on call personnel, delivery or service personnel DO NOT QUALIFY as Multi-Year Contractors.

t. Outdoor Recreation Program Manager: Administrator of the Outdoor Recreation Program.

u. Prima Facie Evidence: The circumstance where possession of contraband or improper equipment alone proves the guilt of the potential violator.

v. Retired APG Civilian (Retired DAC): A former APG civilian employee who retired from APG.

w. Retired Military: A person who retired from the armed forces.

x. Security Violation: A violation of this regulation whose nature or location could, or does compromise APG mission, programs, or security. The affected security office in conjunction with the installation security office must determine whether a given act constitutes a security violation.

y. Sponsor: A person who acts to sponsor a person(s) participation in the hunting/trapping program and who assumes responsibility for the actions of that person(s), in addition to the "Hunter in Charge".

z. Support Mission Requirements (re: Multi-year Contractor): A contractor whose contract serves to augment the technical capability of the contracting agency to accomplish its basic mission. General labor contractors are not included.

aa. Temporary Blind: A shoreline waterfowl blind used in waterfowl hunting that is set up upon arrival and removed on departure from hunting each day.

bb. Test Road: Any road, path, etc. on which vehicles travel as part of an organized testing area, where testing is actually conducted.

cc. Trapper: A person involved in the act of trapping.

dd. Uncased Weapon: Storage of a firearm outside of a protective safety case (soft or hard), which would permit immediate access to that firearm.

ee. Unexploded Ordnance (UXO): Military munitions (primed, fused, armed or otherwise prepared) that were fired, dropped, launched, projected, or placed and remain unexploded by malfunction, design or other reason constituting a hazard to operations, personnel, or material.

ff. Violator: A person, group, or entity engaged in acts that violate the conditions set forth in this regulation.