



STATE OF GEORGIA
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
1000 HALSEY AVENUE, BUILDING 447
MARIETTA GEORGIA 30060-4277

NGGA-TAG

4 May 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR all Georgia Department of Defense Entities

SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Personally Owned Firearms (POF) in Georgia National Guard Facilities

1. References:

- a. 18 U.S.C. § 930, Possession of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons in Federal Facilities;
- b. O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126 et. seq., Carrying and Possession of Firearms
- c. O.C.G.A. § 38-2-1000 et. seq., Georgia Code of Military Justice
- d. Army Regulation 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives)
- e. Air Force Instruction 31-117, Arming and the Use of Force by Air Force Personnel, 17 March 2015.

2. Purpose. This memorandum establishes a policy regarding the possession of personally owned firearms (POF) in or on Georgia National Guard (GANG) property, installations, facilities, government vehicles, and government aircraft. This policy applies to all GANG Servicemembers, Federal Civilian Technician Employees, Georgia Department of Defense State Employees, GANG contractors (GANG Personnel), and visitors and dependents of GANG Personnel. This policy is punitive.

3. For the purpose of this policy, "personally owned firearm" is defined as any firearm that is not owned or issued by the Georgia National Guard or Georgia Department of Defense.

4. This policy recognizes and conforms to Georgia law in Title 16, Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) and does not under any circumstances extend authority to individuals licensed under that title to carry firearms beyond the direction contained therein.

NGGA-TAG

SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Personally Owned Firearms (POF) in Georgia National Guard Facilities

5. Policy.

a. Unless otherwise directed by the commander, all GANG personnel, Georgia Department of Defense Employees, civilian visitors, contractors, members of the National Guards of other states and other military service component members who possess a concealed weapons/firearms permit recognized as valid within the State of Georgia may possess a weapon on their person, properly secured while on Georgia National Guard facilities or properties. In accordance with this authorization, the weapon must remain on your person or properly secured. All requirements stipulated by Georgia law must be followed. This authorization encompasses all buildings and property under the control of or leased by the GANG with exception of federal installations as outlined below in Subparagraph d to this Paragraph 5.

b. In order to transit through Dobbins Air Reserve Base (DARB), GANG personnel must obtain a Personally Owned Firearms Authorization Letter in accordance with DARB policy. Only personnel in possession of this memorandum will be legally able to transit DARB with a POF. Concealed carry is not authorized on DARB.

c. Recognized law enforcement authorities who routinely carry an authorized weapon as part of their assigned duties are permitted to carry their weapons on to GANG properties or facilities when in the execution of their official duties. Off-duty law enforcement authorities are permitted to carry their weapons consistent with their departmental policies.

d. This policy is ONLY applicable to GANG owned or leased facilities or properties not otherwise on Federal installations. This policy does NOT allow GANG personnel to carry POFs on GANG properties or facilities that are on Federal Installations, including, but not limited to Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Air Field, Ft. Eisenhower, Ft. Moore, Robins Air Force Base, or any other Title 10 facility. Personnel should contact their servicing Judge Advocate if they are unsure about the status of their particular installation or facility.

e. GANG Personnel are prohibited from carrying POFs on their person when performing official duties away from GANG installations or while in any government or military vehicle or aircraft, regardless of duty status.

f. This policy does not prohibit GANG Personnel who are authorized by any valid license to carry a concealed firearm under Georgia law, while not on State or Federal property or facility, and not performing official duties, from exercising the individual decision to lawfully carry a concealed POF in accordance with all applicable laws.

NGGA-TAG

SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Personally Owned Firearms (POF) in Georgia National Guard Facilities

GANG Personnel doing so will be acting in their individual capacity and not as agent of the GANG, the State of Georgia, or the United States Government.

g. Under no circumstances will GANG personnel carry a POF during any Defense Support to Civil Authorities mission, while they are also carrying a military issued weapon, or while on a field training exercise.

6. This policy shall be posted on all unit bulletin boards until further notice.

7. This policy remains in effect until otherwise revoked, rescinded or suspended.

8. The point of contact for this memorandum is the COL Brian S. Bischoff, State Judge Advocate at 678-569-5644 or brian.s.bischoff2.mil@mail.mil.



RICHARD D. WILSON
Major General, GANG
The Adjutant General