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Robinson Maneuver Training Center
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**SUBJECT: Robinson Maneuver Training Center (RMTC) Policy No. 20210801,
Recreational Use Policy**

1. REFERENCE:

- a. Arkansas Game and Fish Regulation
- b. MOU between AGFC and Military Department of Arkansas 20190215
- c. Command Policy No. 20151008 Civilian Weapons Possession and use on Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center
- d. Command Policy No. 20190617 Civilian Access Requirements on Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center
- e. OTAG Policy 2018-15, Possession of Privately Owned Firearms on Arkansas National Guard Property/Facilities
- f. OTAG Policy 2019-04, Implementation of Video and Audio Surveillance Measures for Arkansas Army National Guard Installations

2. PURPOSE. This statement sets forth the policy implementing the program governing safe hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on the RMTC Military Installation.

3. SCOPE. This policy statement applies to all individuals who participate in recreational activities on RMTC and the agencies responsible for implementing the Recreational Pass program. All provisions are subject to change by RMTC authorities. Enforcement will be by RMTC Department of Public Safety (DPS), Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC), adjoining local municipal and county Sheriff's office and Arkansas State Police (ASP) law enforcement personnel. All organized recreational activities will be coordinated and approved by Post Operations.

4. RECREATIONAL PASS.

a. IAW Command Policy No. 20151008, Civilian Weapons Possession and Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center and Command Policy No. 201910617, Civilian Access Requirements, all civilian personnel accessing RMTC for recreational use are required to apply for a Recreational Pass; effective immediately, the Sportsman Membership Card will be referred to as the Recreational Pass.

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Background checks (ACIC) are conducted on ALL civilian personnel applying for a Recreational Pass regardless of status. Recreational Passes are valid for 1 year. Once the first 6 months have expired, the individual will again submit for a background check (ACIC) in order to renew the pass for an additional 6 months.

b. Recreational Passes will not be issued as a result of the following:

- (1) Possession of an active warrant.
- (2) Possession of an un-expunged or unpardoned felony conviction ever.
- (3) Registered sex offender in any state, the District of Columbia or any U.S. territory.
- (4) Conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony crime of domestic violence.

c. A valid ID, vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required for a Recreational Pass. Random additional inspections may be imposed at any time.

d. Personnel can apply for and receive Recreational Passes two days a week (Monday and Thursday) 8:00 am – 11:00 am and 12:00 pm -3:00 pm, at the RMTC Visitors Center.

e. The Recreational Pass and a Hold Harmless Release is required for all hunting, fishing, biking or other recreational activities.

f. Current Arkansas National Guard Service Members (SM) and retirees (who possess a valid Common Access Card (CAC)) are exempt from having to obtain a Recreational Pass. The SM and retirees will only have to present a valid CAC, sign in at the designated Training Area (TA) and obtain a vehicle dash card (See Member Information).

5. MEMBER INFORMATION.

a. Individuals, ages 16 and up, will be required to possess a Recreational Pass to ensure that the appropriate liability waivers are signed prior to hunting, fishing, biking or conducting any other recreational activities on RMTC. Recreational Pass holders will receive all appropriate policies and regulations when they receive their Recreational Pass. Individuals 15 years and under must be accompanied by a licensed adult with a valid Recreational Pass while on RMTC. The adult shall sign a release of liability for the child. *(Available at the Visitor Center)*

(1) For safety and accountability, all Recreational Pass holders and Arkansas National Guard members are required to sign into and out of each designated recreational area at the RMTC Visitor's Center in order to conduct hunting, fishing and biking (TA2) activities on RMTC.

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(2) **INCLEMENT WEATHER/CLOSURE.** In the event that The Adjutant General of Arkansas implements the inclement weather policy all Training Areas will be closed to Recreational Use.

(3) Special small events and groups must be pre-approved through Post Operations. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other pre-approval process may be required. Contact RMTC Post Operations prior to event planning.

(4) A vehicle dash card is required with each Recreational Pass and **MUST BE DISPLAYED** by the owner of the vehicle on the front dash, where it is visible from the outside. Vehicle Dash Card is assigned to the pass holder's vehicle only and is not interchangeable between vehicles.

(5) Soldiers TDY at RMTC are eligible for a 3 day Recreational Pass. Individuals must possess a Recreational Pass and copy of orders on their persons at all times. These passes will be available at the Visitor's Center.

(6) Access requirements can change without notice due to mission or security requirements. Ideally, changes will be announced at the Visitor Center. There may be some security related changes or requirements that cannot be published or announced. All Training Areas are subject to being closed at the Post Commander's discretion.

b. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulations apply to all hunting and fishing on RMTC unless specifically exempted by this policy or in writing by the Post Commander.

c. Information regarding hunting or fishing on Camp Robinson can be obtained from the RMTC Operations section 501-212-5233 or the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (877-967-7577). To report policy or post regulation violations or to receive emergency assistance, call the RMTC Department of Public Safety at 501-212-5280 or 501-212- 5282. Except for official business or training, it is unlawful to enter the RMTC Military Installation, without signing in at the visitor's center located at the main gate. It is the responsibility of the individuals to ensure that they know where they are at all times. Violators, to include military members and employees, are subject to revocation of privileges, denial of access to the installation and criminal charges for violating regulations and laws. For questions concerning a Recreational Pass, please call 501-212-5233. Other questions can be answered by the Department of Public Safety at 501-212-5280.

d. It is unlawful to camp on RMTC except as authorized by the Post Commander.

e. Consumption of any type of alcoholic beverage while in a recreational status (hunting, fishing or biking) is prohibited on Camp Robinson.

f. RMTC is divided into Training Areas designated on the RMTC Military

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Installation Map (V884S Edition 2-DMA). Not all Training Areas are open to the public on a given day due to military training, security, and maintenance requirements. The Wildlife Management Area (WMA) includes all green areas on the access map and excludes the All American Drop Zone (Area TA7), Mortar Artillery Impact Area, Small Arms Impact Area and the Demolition Range (Range 27). Designated Impact (dud and non-dud) Areas are marked in red. **MILITARY LIVE FIRING MAY BE CONDUCTED IN ANY TRAINING AREA. Information on which areas are open and closed is available at the Visitor's Center at the main gate and must be verified upon entry daily. Please reference enclosure 2.**

g. Closure of roads or trails to vehicular or pedestrian traffic is normally for security reasons and may result in denial of entry into an area of the installation. If a barrier or gate closing a road is encountered, do not attempt to go around, even if the training area is open. Contact Range Control at 501-212-5218 or the Public Safety at 501-212-5280 for information regarding the reason for closure of the area which may be due to training, maintenance, prevention of damage, or other reasons. Do not bypass closed roads. Any personnel caught driving around barriers or closed gates will be subject to a traffic citation.

h. It is unlawful to handle, tamper with, or remove any item of ammunition or explosives found on RMTc. Discovery of ammunition or explosives will be reported to the Range Control Office, Building 6953 501-212-5218, after hours report to Public Safety, 501-212-5280.

i. It is unlawful to start or kindle a fire on RMTc except as authorized by the Post Commander.

j. It is unlawful to enter the Mortar Artillery, Small Arms Impact Areas, the Demolition Area and the All American Drop Zone for any reason. Signs exist to mark the boundaries of these restricted areas. These restricted areas are extremely hazardous and off limits.

k. Civilian vehicles may travel on approved roads only and all posted speed limits must be followed. Parking must be immediately adjacent to roads so that travel by others is not restricted. Civilian vehicles are forbidden in Training Area 7, the All American Drop Zone. Joy riding down range is NOT authorized regardless of status (active service member, retired or Recreational Pass holder).

l. Trapping and/or predator hunting will follow Arkansas Game and Fish Regulations or as authorized by the Post Commander.

m. During the special permit hunts, all other hunting and fishing activities in the RMTc WMA are closed. Public access, except for special permit holders, is not allowed in the Training Areas during permit hunts.

n. All firearms transported in a vehicle on RMTc must be unloaded and cased.

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o. Holders of a valid state-issued concealed handgun license recognized and honored by the State of Arkansas IAW Arkansas Code: 5-73-301-323 may possess the handgun covered by the license. Per OTAG Policy 2018-15, concealed weapons may not be brought into any Arkansas National Guard Facility unless it is for authorized training. Concealed weapon permit holders are not allowed to use their concealed weapon for any hunting purpose. Ammunition must be stored and concealed in a case out of plain view. All concealed handgun permit holders must identify themselves to a wildlife officer or law enforcement when complying with an inspection pertaining to birds, fish, game or other wildlife resources.

p. Use of personally owned All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's or UTV's) or off-road vehicles is NOT allowed on RMTC. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's or UTV's) or off-road vehicles transported in the back of vehicles or trailers must remain on the vehicle or trailer.

q. Horseback riding is not permitted without approval from the Post Commander. Law enforcement officers may utilize horseback as needed to support community service efforts.

r. The use of hunting dogs is authorized on RMTC for small game and waterfowl **only** IAW Camp Robinson WMA, AGFC regulations.

s. The cutting of standing or downed timber is prohibited unless written approval has been obtained from the Post Commander. Authorization requests can be obtained at Post Operations in Building 5130 for Commander's approval.

t. All fireworks, model rockets and drones are prohibited on RMTC.

u. Game cameras are prohibited on RMTC.

v. Photography is permitted on RMTC. Photographs taken within the Cantonment Area or of any military operation must be cleared through the Public Affairs Officer in Building 5301 or 501-212-5022.

w. The use of metal detectors is prohibited without written permission by the Post Commander. The removal of any artifact or cultural object is prohibited. Any type of human remains must be reported to the Department of Public Safety (501-212-5280) immediately.

x. Swimming is prohibited in all RMTC waterways and lakes.

y. The use of small boats (with trolling motors only), kayaks and canoes is authorized in Hunter Lake and Jewitt Lake. Outboard motors are allowed on Bell Slough which provides access to Grassy Lake. Boaters must follow all rules and regulations established by Arkansas Game and Fish Boater Safety. Boats allowed on RMTC

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waterways are prohibited from creating a wake or obstructing any access area, parking area, launching ramp or access road.

z. All RMTC visitors will be under video surveillance at all times as per TAG Policy No. 2019-04.

6. HUNTING INFORMATION.

a. Weapons are restricted to archery, shotgun, rimfire and muzzleloader only.

b. Mobility impaired hunters who have special disability requirements will contact Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at 501-223-6388.

c. Hunters must first receive permission from the Department of Public Safety before tracking wounded game later than 90 minutes after sunset. Hunters will obtain this permission by calling Department of Public Safety at 501-212-5280. Inability to make contact does not automatically constitute permission.

d. Personnel are **not allowed** on RMTC for recreational activities **earlier than ninety minutes before sunrise and no later than ninety minutes after sunset except for waterfowl hunters and night fishing.**

e. Hunting is forbidden on all firing ranges.

f. The owner's name and address must be permanently attached to portable hunting stands. Portable hunting stands and associated equipment using metal objects (such as screw-in steps) to be screwed or driven into trees are prohibited. Deer stands may not be placed more than seven days before deer season and must be moved at least 200 yards every seven days during the season. All stands must be removed at the close of deer season

g. Hunting is not allowed within 100 yards of a residence, inhabited building, or road, or within 25 yards of a bike or walking trail.

h. No entrails, carcasses, or game parts of any kind are to be left in visible sight in the cantonment area and should be a minimum of 100 feet from road edges and infrastructure.

i. Waterfowl hunting is allowed in legal hunting areas IAW Arkansas Game and Fish regulations. Waterfowl hunters are allowed to enter RMTC no earlier than 0400 hours daily prior to the start of legal shooting hours and will depart immediately after shooting hours are over. Only carry in/out blinds are authorized. Permanent duck blinds/structures are prohibited.

j. Game must be checked IAW AGFC hunting regulations (via phone, AGFC app, or the internet).

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k. Baiting is defined as the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as lure or attraction for wildlife to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

- (1) Bears may not be fed for any reason, including photography and viewing.
- (2) No feeders, feeding, baiting, food plots, or other methods to attract deer are allowed.
- (3) **Baiting is NOT allowed in the WMA or on Camp Robinson.**

l. Scouting is permitted in any "OPEN" area for Recreational Pass holders; you must sign in and out of the area to be scouted at the Visitor's Center.

7. FISHING INFORMATION.

a. Military student personnel on orders to RMTC must obtain a RMTC Recreational Pass. A state fishing license is required, and can be purchased at the residential rate with the appropriate forms.

b. It is unlawful to fish any pond, lake or stream with tackle other than rods and poles. The use of trotlines, jugs, yo-yo's, limb lines and seines on RMTC is prohibited. Bow fishing is not allowed on any RMTC waterway.

c. Night fishing (dusk until dawn) is authorized in areas that are not closed. Persons wishing to fish at night must check in at the Visitor Center before fishing and must check out with the Visitor Center at the conclusion of their visit.

8. BIKING INFORMATION.

a. All rules outlined in the recreational policy apply to TA2.

b. RMTC is not responsible for maintenance of the bike trails and will not provide resources to conduct trail maintenance. Any and all spray chemicals (i.e. pesticides and grass/weed killers) must be approved through environmental before use. Any unauthorized spraying could potentially receive a citation.

c. No alcohol, grills or fires are authorized, unless approved by the Post Commander.

d. All trails will be contained within TA2.

e. Personnel who use RMTC's designated bike trails (TA2) for 3 days or less, will apply for a 3 day Recreational Pass. If bicyclists want to use the bike trails for longer than 3 days, they are each required to have a 1 year pass with a background check every 6 months.

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f. Mountain Bike riding is permitted in Training Area 2 only and is authorized 30 minutes prior to sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Bike riding on gravel roads is prohibited and citations will be issued.

g. Special riding functions and events must be pre-approved through Post Operations. An example of a riding function or event would be a charity ride or fundraiser. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other pre-approval process may be required. Contact RMTC Post Operations prior to event planning.

h. Night riding or riding outside of the authorized hours must be coordinated and approved in advance by Post Operations. Groups that want to request night riding or riding outside of authorized hours must submit a concept of operations (CONOP) sketch outlining routes used, number of personnel, hours riding and risk management to Post Operations. A CONOP submission does not guarantee approval, the Post Commander will approve all CONOPS.

i. Violations will be documented and forwarded to RMTC Operations for disposition. In general, depending upon the severity, violations will result in a 3 to 12 month suspension of privileges. Further violations will result in permanent loss of privileges. This decision is reviewed by the Post Operations.

9. POC for this policy is the RMTC Operations at 501-212-5233.



2 Encls
1. Night Riding Request Form
2. WMA Hunting Access Map

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Enclosure 1:

Complete the form and submit to: SFC Justin Fisher at justin.d.fisher1.mil@mail.mil or 501-212-5230

TA02 Night Riding Request

All participants must review the Night Riding Best Practices listed below.

Ride Information and Description:

Date: _____ Ride Start time: _____ Proposed Sign Out Time: _____

Designated Safety Contact: _____ Cell _____

Riders:

Name _____	Cell _____
Name _____	Cell _____
Name _____	Cell _____
Name _____	Cell _____
Name _____	Cell _____
Name _____	Cell _____
Name _____	Cell _____
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Night Riding Best Practices:

1. Riders must follow the proper procedures for signing in and out at the front gate.
2. Riders should ride on trails that you know and have ridden before during daytime.
3. Riders should wear a helmet and eye protection
4. Riders should carry a map (paper or digital).
5. Riders should carry a primary and a backup light system.
6. Riders should carry a working Cell phone.
7. Riders should carry a recovery kit for flats and other mechanical issues.
8. Designated Safety Contact is responsible for confirming riders are safely off the trails.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: 501-212-5280

