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## MEMORANDUM FOR Task Force Torch (TFT) Service Members and Employees

SUBJECT: Possession of Personally Owned Firearms (POF) Policy

## 1. References.

- a. Adjutant General Order Number 2020-09, dated 3 September 2020.
- b. California Military Department Regulation (CMDR) 600-1, dated April 2020.
- c. California's Gun-Free School Zone Act (Penal Code 626.9), Penal Code 30310, and Federal Gun-Free School Zones Act (18 U.S.C. 922(q)).
- d. California Penal Code 171b and 26230.

2. Applicability and Purpose. This policy applies to all Servicemembers and employees of TFT. This policy is intended to clarify and limit POF possession for TFT personnel when present with youth/cadets/scholars on TFT facilities or when attending a TFT sponsored event or activity in accordance with (IAW) the various authority references listed in reference a. above. It is imperative that all TFT personnel foster an environment that places high importance on maintaining the safety and security of all cadets and staff.

3. General Policy. TFT Service Members and Employees are prohibited from possessing a POF while on a TFT (California Military Department) installation or facility, or when participating in a TFT activity or event (on or off site) where cadets and students are present, and are subject to the following limitations and requirements:

- a. Individual Directors or Program Managers will develop a notice policy and procedure for each location, and notice requirements will be clearly posted at all entrances.
- b. In accordance with California Penal Code 30310, except for law enforcement personnel with valid credentials, individuals must have written permission of the school district superintendent, the superintendent's designee, or equivalent school authority for non-CMD TFT installations and facilities (i.e. Military Academies (XMIs) and certain Starbase facilities) to carry ammunition or reloaded ammunition.

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c. Individual Directors or Program Managers may request an exception to policy (ETP) from the Commander, Task Force Torch. ETPs must have a thorough risk assessment and detailed justification to be considered, including explaining how any applicable exceptions under state and federal laws apply.

4. Individuals who exercise their right to carry POFs, where otherwise permitted, in accordance with California and federal authority do so in their private capacity and they acknowledge that unlawful possession or inappropriate use of a POF may subject them to criminal and civil liability. Violations of this policy will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action up to, and including, termination of employment IAW CMDR 600-1 and referral to law enforcement. Individuals who exercise this right are responsible to understand and adhere to the rules regarding the location and manner of POF possession such as, but not limited to, consumption of alcohol, notice to law enforcement, entering firearm-restricted areas such as federal property, certain venues and businesses, and other restricted areas.

5. This order remains in effect until otherwise revoked, rescinded or superseded.

6. For additional information, please contact The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 916-854-3505.

7. Any questions regarding this memorandum can be directed to LTC Nathan T. Lavy at 916-854-3327 or [nathan.lavy@cmd.ca.gov](mailto:nathan.lavy@cmd.ca.gov).



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