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MEMORANDUM FOR All Personnel Hunting or Trapping on Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center

SUBJECT: Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center (CDJMTC) Hunting and Trapping Policy (2024-2025)

### 1. References:

- a. INGR 1, Camp Dodge Post Procedures, 1 October 2014
- b. INGR 1-1, Camp Dodge Ranges and Training Areas Regulation, 18 February 2010
- c. AR-600-8-14, 4 August 2017, Identification Card for Members of the Uniformed Services, their Eligible Family Members, and Other Eligible Personnel.
- d. All Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IA-DNR) regulations associated with hunting & trapping.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to ensure safe and responsible use of the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center. The safety and wellbeing of all hunters, trappers, and personnel on CDJMTC and the surrounding areas is always paramount in everything we do.

3. Scope. The CDJMTC Hunting and Trapping Policy for the 2024-2025 seasons apply to all personnel conducting hunting and/or trapping activities until amended or superseded. Regulations established by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IA-DNR) and INGR 1, Appendix D will be adhered to at all times. They include but are not limited to the proper use of tree stands, shot/slug restrictions, correct transportation of weapons and ammunition, use of correct hunter clothing, bag/possession limits, and proper licensing. Refer to the Iowa DNR website for updated changes to Iowa Hunting Regulations at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/HuntingLicensesLaws.aspx>

4. Specific guidance. The following provisions are implemented in addition to the references listed in paragraph 3.

a. Hunting & Trapping Eligibility: The following are afforded the privilege of using CDJMTC and may obtain a CDJMTC Hunting & Trapping Permit.

(1) Current members of the United States military, their spouse, their child dependents 18 years old and under, or any disabled dependents. The military sponsor must accompany any dependents. Military status is validated during hunter registration by presenting a current and valid Common Access Card.

(2) Retired members of the United States military, their spouse, their child dependents 18 years old and under, or any disabled dependents. The military sponsor must accompany any dependents.

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Retiree status is validated during hunter registration by presenting a DD Form 2 (blue or red) military retiree identification card.

(3) Current State of Iowa Department of Public Defense (Military Division) full-time personnel, their spouse, their child dependents 18 years old and under, or any disabled dependents. The eligible sponsor must accompany any dependents. Employment status is validated during hunter registration by presenting a current civilian Common Access Card reading: Affiliation: State employee Agency/Department: Army Guard. If a civilian CAC has not been issued, eligibility will be validated with the employee's first line supervisor.

(4) Hunters requiring special accommodations due to handicaps, disabilities, or medications will identify their requirements individually to the Range Operations NCOIC or OIC at the start of each hunting season. This may be done during the hunter safety/qualification course, in person at Range Operations during normal business hours, or via phone (Range Operations OIC: 515-252-4959 or Range Operations NCOIC: 515-727-3308).

(5) Registered hunters may be accompanied by a non-hunting dependent only if all personnel have signed liability waivers on file with Range Operations. Waivers may be completed during the hunter safety/qualification course or during business hours at the Range Operations office. If a hunter will be accompanied by additional family member, they will be identified in the text message or phone call when checking-in to the training areas.

b. Licenses, Tags, and Permits.

(1) All personnel must possess a valid Iowa Hunting License and all applicable tags or stamps associated with the respective type of hunting being conducted and season being hunted. These tags or stamps will be recorded by CDJMTC Range Operations personnel.

(2) All hunting and trapping activities are confined to the CDJMTC training areas as deemed permissible within the guidelines of this policy.

c. Hunting Policy Orientation.

(1) Hunting policy orientation courses will be provided every Thursday evening and one Saturday in August from 1730 to 2000 at building S21, Range Operations. Courses are limited to 24 participants per course and are on a first come, first serve basis. Individual's wanting to attend the CDJMTC hunting policy orientation course need to contact CDJMTC Range Control to register for at least one of the course dates. Hunters that have hunted consecutively on CDJMTC will not have to complete weapons proficiency portion of the orientation if proficiency testing is within 3 years. Individuals that have had a break or are new to the program will have to demonstrate weapon's proficiency through CDJMTC hunting qualification process. Zero confirmation of weapons will be allowed on Saturday course date.

(2) The course and qualification dates are:

- a. 01 August 2024, Thursday 1730 hours
- b. 08 August 2024, Thursday 1730 hours
- c. 15 August 2024, Thursday 1730 hours

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- d. 17 August 2024, Saturday 1300 hours
- e. 22 August 2024, Thursday 1730 hours
- f. 29 August 2024, Thursday 1730 hours

d. Vehicle Passes and Vehicle Staging.

(1) CDJMTC Hunting and Trapping Combined Training Area Gate and Vehicle Pass will be issued to all hunters and trappers when they successfully complete the hunter registration and orientation course. Combined Gate/Vehicle Passes will be disabled and must be returned to Range Operations no later than **03 February 2025.**

(2) The CDJMTC Hunting & Trapping Vehicle Pass will be displayed in the vehicle window to be best seen by a vehicle passing on the roadway while in the training area.

(3) Vehicles must stay on established roadways or trails, as defined during the course brief. When parking, vehicles will be staged immediately off of the roadway so as not to limit other vehicle movement, but not so far off the road so as to disrupt or destroy any land or flora.

(4) CDJMTC personnel will not aid in the mechanical recovery of a vehicle that becomes stuck; it is the responsibility of the individual vehicle owner to recover the vehicle.

(5) Spring Turkey Season Vehicle Passes will be requested no less than one week before the planned hunt or start of season. Failure to comply may result in a pass not being issued.

(6) Combined Gate/Vehicle Passes will be issued the week after the Labor Day weekend. Passes will be held for two weeks after notification that passes are ready for pickup. Failure to retrieve pass within two weeks may result in cancelation of hunting privileges for the 2024-2025 season.

- a. Hunting Passes will not be available or issued prior to 04 September 2024.
- b. Hunting Passes will be available no earlier than 0700 hours on 04 September 2024.
- c. No stands, blinds, or trail cameras may be setup until Hunting Passes are issued.

e. Hunting Stands and Blinds and Traps.

(1) All hunting will be conducted from a declared and approved stationary position. Party or drive hunting is **not** allowed. Hunting is not allowed from any other location to include vehicles or while traveling to or from designated locations. Small game and predator hunting may be performed while walking, but only within approved training areas.

(2) Only temporary tree stands or blinds are permitted for use on CDJMTC. Construction of permanent stands is not authorized.

(3) No tree spikes, nails, screws nor any other device that puncture a tree are authorized for use.

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(4) Hunters will mark all stands, blinds, and trail cameras with their last name and hunter number via Sharpie, paint, engraver or other method prior to emplacement.

(5) The use of safety harnesses is mandatory in any tree stand.

(6) A maximum number of two (2) stands may be registered by any one 'sponsor' hunter. Dependent hunters are not authorized stands in their own right; they will utilize stands registered by their sponsor.

(7) In the name of good sportsmanship, stands will have a minimum of a 50 meter separation and will be emplaced by hunters 'first come, first served'. Any disputes regarding stand placement will be resolved by the Range Operations NCOIC. The 50 meter separation rule does not apply to 2 stands emplaced by the same hunter when the adjacent stand(s) is/are to be utilized by his/her accompanying dependent hunter.

(8) Prior to stand/blind placement, hunters will review the stand map at Range Operations for other hunter's emplacements. When a new stand is emplaced, or a stand is moved the hunter will return to Range Operations as soon as possible and plot its location on the stand map. Range personnel will validate locations and inspect each stand after emplacement. Any tree stand found in an unreported location will be removed by Range Operations personnel, considered abandoned and turned over to the State Quartermaster for disposition.

(9) Stands can be left in the training area from 04 September 2024 to 03 February 2025. When a hunter removes a stand, they will report in-person or via duty phone with their hunter number, stand number and location of the stand removed. Any stands, trail cameras or other property found in the training areas outside the authorized date window or found untagged will be considered abandoned property, removed by Range Operations, and processed for sale by the State of Iowa.

(10) Traps are authorized in Surface Danger Zone – South (SDZS) and Surface Danger Zone – North (SDZN) only. All traps must be reported to CDJMTC Range Operations by location and type for logging and plotting. Each trap must be tagged with contact information of the owner. If a trap is moved, its new location must be reported to CDJMTC Range Operations as soon as possible.

(11) The use of cameras (Trail Cams) is authorized, but limited to two (2) per registered hunter. Cameras will be marked, emplaced, locations annotated and removed with the same stipulations as applied to stands/blinds.

a. The baiting of cameras or when hunting is not allowed on CDJMTC. In accordance with the DNR Iowa Hunting and Trapping regulations, "Bait" is defined as; grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, hay, salt, mineral blocks, or any other natural food materials, commercial products containing natural food materials, or by-products of such materials transported to or placed in an area for the purpose of attracting wildlife. Bait does not include food placed during normal agricultural activities.

b. Any hunter caught baiting a camera or hunting over bait will have all stands and cameras removed from the training area and will have his/her hunting privileges revoked for, but not limited to, the remainder of the hunting season.

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(12) Saddle and climber hunters must have an established location, marked on the hunting map. Hunters using these systems must provide 24 hour notice of movement of designated location and will mark new location on the CDJMTC Range Operations hunting map 24 hours in advance of the planned hunt and will abide by the 50 yard rule of all other placed stands on the map.

(13) Spot and Stalk hunting for deer/turkey is **not** permitted. Any hunter found doing so will have their hunting privileges revoked for the remainder of the season.

f. Training Area, Weapons and other Restrictions.

(1) Policing of the Area. All expended bullet casings/shells and trash will be removed from the training areas and disposed of properly.

(2) Field dressings will be completed well away from trails and roadways. Disposal of carcasses and animal parts is not allowed within sight of homes, roadways, or trails.

(3) Training area F is restricted to archery hunting only.

(4) Crossbow hunting is authorized for physically handicapped individuals per IA DNR Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

(5) Training areas E, F, B1, B2, and B5 are restricted to archery and birdshot shotgun hunting only (no slug or muzzleloaders).

(6) Firearm hunting is not authorized within 200 yards of the Herold Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site and archery hunting is not allowed within 50 yards of Herold MOUT site.

(7) Firearm hunting is not authorized within 200 yards of any CDJMTC boundary or occupied structure. Archery hunting is not authorized within 50 yards of any CDJMTC boundary.

(8) Handguns and straight walled pistol cartridges are not authorized for hunting unless specifically requested and granted by Camp Dodge Range Operations under IA-DNR regulations.

(9) Center fired rifles are not authorized for hunting, though rim fired .17 and .22 caliber rifles may be used for predator, crow, and small game hunting.

a. Predator: Coyote

b. Small Game: Rabbit, squirrel, crow, dove and pigeon.

(10) Muzzle loaders utilizing smokeless powder are not authorized for hunting.

(11) All Terrain Vehicles, snowmobiles, horses or other pack animals, or any other 'non-road-worthy' vehicles will not be utilized in the training areas unless permission is specifically granted by Range Operations personnel to accommodate disabled hunters.

(12) Upland bird hunting (Pheasant, Grouse, Quail, etc.) is **not** authorized on CDJMTC.

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(13) The CDJMTC training areas are designed and maintained for use by military personnel and equipment. Although permitted by policy, CDJMTC and the Iowa National Guard assume no liability for person injury or damage to personal property incurred within the CDJMTC Military Reservation. Mandatory waivers must be completed yearly for all hunters, dependents and approved guests.

(14) To reduce wildland fire risk CDJMTC periodically conducts prescribed burns. Locations of planned burns will be briefed during the consolidated hunter registration, safety brief and qualification classes so that locations for hunting stands, blinds and trail cameras may be planned accordingly. Regardless of placement, CDJMTC and the Iowa National Guard assumes no liability for hunter's personal property. Designated burn areas will be closed to stand placement until burns are completed.

(15) Range Operations will create a group text for hunters hunting on CDJMTC. This group text will be utilized to notify hunters of TA closures, prescribed burns, and/or issues associated with the hunting program. Hunters will not use the group text in order to text in and out of the training area.

(16) Dogs are only allowed in the training areas during off-season periods unless part of a controlled law enforcement or DoD exercise.

g. Entry and Exit of Training Areas. Regular hunting hours are from 0600 hours until 1 hour after sunset, but no later than 2100 hours unless granted exception by Range Operations. The primary method of contact is via text message to the Range Operations mobile phone (515) 249-6551. Phone calls to the Range Operations Duty Phone are restricted to emergencies and immediate safety needs after normal duty hours (0700-1900).

(1) Before Entering the Training Areas.

a. Hunter will request permission to hunt 24 hours prior to desired hunting start time. Same day requests or requesting to go out the afternoon or evening of will not be approved. Permission requests will include:

- Desired hunting location, TA Number (training area and stand/blind number).
- Type of activity (archery, shotgun, stand placement, dove hunting, etc).
- Desired start time
- All accompanying dependents

b. At the start of their hunt, the hunter will request access to the training areas via text message with the Range Duty mobile phone.

c. The hunter must wait for confirmation from Range Operations prior to entry to ensure there are no conflicting activities. Any hunter choosing to enter the training area without permission may have their hunting privileges revoked.

(2) While in the Training Areas.

a. Changes in hunting location will be processed as a new request. The hunter must wait for confirmation prior to relocation.

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b. In the event, you are tracking a wounded animal and it is nearing closing time, coordinate with the CDJMTC Range Operations Staff Duty NCO to request a time extension to remain in the training area.

(3) Leaving the Training Areas.

a. At the completion of hunting, the hunter must **check-out with Range Operations when passing the training area gates.** Failure to check out may result in the loss of hunting/trapping privileges. The hunter will include their hunter number and any harvest taken or wounded animals not recovered. All hunters must exit the training areas one hour after sunset, but no later than 2100 hours.

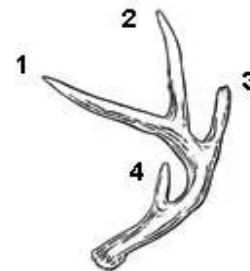
b. All harvested animals (game and predator) must be reported to Range Operations during check-out. Hunters have 24 hours to report DNR confirmation number of tagged harvest back to Range Operations.

h. Earn a Buck Program. CDJMTC has established the “Earn a Buck Program” in order to control the deer population on CDJMTC and to ensure a sustained and quality gene pool

(1) Hunters must take a doe during their first deer hunting season of the year. The animal will be brought to range operations and all hunters will take a photo of the animal in front of range operations and send that photo to the range operations duty phone with a date and time stamp.

(2) After a hunter has taken their doe, they may then hunt for bucks with the following restrictions applied; all bucks taken must have a minimum of 4 antler points on one side. Each of the following counts as a point:

- a. The end of the main beam.
- b. An antler point, if it is at least 1 inch long.
- c. Any broken tine that is at least 1 inch long.
- d. The brow tine if it is at least 1 inch long.
- e. Any broken tine that is at least 1 inch in diameter.



(3) This program does not apply to youth hunters with a valid DNR license.

(4) The HUSH (Help Us Stop Hunger) program is a valid option for any hunter not wanting to process their doe. A list of lockers is available on the Iowa DNR webpage. <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/Hunting/hushlockers.pdf>

i. Dates Unavailable for Hunting and Trapping. The following holidays will be blocked off during the hunting season, which means hunters will not be allowed into the TAs during these dates.

(1) Labor Day: 31 August – 02 September 2024

(2) Veterans Day: 11 November 2024

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(3) Thanksgiving: 28 November – 01 December 2024

(4) Christmas Eve and Christmas: 24-25 December 2024 (subject to change on TAG guidance)

(5) New Year's Day: 31 December 2024 – 01 January 2025

(6) Martin Luther King Jr. Day: 20 January 2025

j. Qualification Standards.

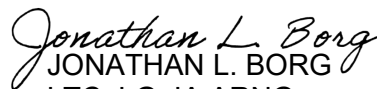
(1) All hunters will qualify on all weapon systems that they intend to use during the hunting season. The use of a gun vise or lead sled is prohibited, as the qualification is to prove the skill of the hunter. Qualification Standards are listed below.

- a. Archery Standard: 12 inch Target, 25 yards, 8 of 10 within the ring
- b. Archery Youth: 12 inch Target, 20 yards, 8 of 10 within the ring
- c. Muzzle Loader/Shotgun Slug Standard: 12 inch Target, 50 yards, 4 of 5 within the ring
- d. Muzzle Loader/Shotgun Slug Youth: 12 inch Target, 25 yards, 4 of 5 within the ring
- e. Disabled hunters will meet the "Standard" listed in (a) and (c) above
- f. Gun vises and/or lead sleds are not allowed for qualification.

5. Failure to comply with any of the above mentioned and/or the regulations set by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources may result in the loss of reduction of your hunting privileges and possible fines. Hunting on CDJMTC is a privilege, not a right. Anyone observing violations will notify CDJMTC Range Operations personnel.

6. This policy supersedes all other CDJMTC Hunting and Trapping Policies.

7. Point of Contact for this policy is the CDJMTC Range Operations NCOIC at (515) 727-3308.

  
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