MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Inquiry on Individual Privately Owned Weapons of Soldiers in Warrior Transition Units

1. References:
   
   
   
   
   d. AR 40-58, Warrior Care and Transition Program, 23 March 2015.
   

2. Purpose: To provide guidance regarding inquiry on privately owned weapons.

3. Proponent: The proponent for this policy is Deputy Chief of Staff, Warrior Care Transition (DCS, WCT).

4. Applicability: This policy applies to all Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) Commanders, cadre, and Soldiers in the Warrior Care and Transition Program.

5. Background: Army Regulation 40-58, paragraph 4-6d (12) (a) through (c), gives WTU Commanders more leeway in asking Soldiers about their off-post firearms, weapons, and ammunition than the law allows. This policy will attempt to rectify this conflict.
6. Policy: WTU Commanders will ensure that security procedures regarding privately owned weapons on Army installations are current and in accordance with AR 190-11, HQDA physical security directives, and installation policy requirements. Additionally, WTU Commanders and personnel will:

   a. Not collect, inquire, or record any information related to privately owned weapons or ammunition that are kept off the installation, except as provided under the provisions of references 1b and 1e.

   b. Seek legal advice from the servicing office of the staff judge advocate on appropriate actions to take in cases involving Soldiers who the command or DoD healthcare professional reasonably believes are at risk to harm the Soldier or cause harm to others.

   c. Ensure squad leaders and the key interdisciplinary team members provide information to Soldiers and their Family Members/caregivers at Family Readiness Group meetings during in-processing and/or Family/caregivers Welcome, and about the option to store their privately owned weapons in the unit’s arms room, approved military storage facility, or in accordance with local storage policies and regulations.

   d. Destroy any records in existence that WTU personnel compiled under the provisions of reference 1d, paragraph 4-6d(12) that is not related to privately owned weapons stored in unit arms room.

7. Responsibilities: Commanders will ensure that their unit policies and procedures are changed to reflect these restrictions and that this policy is disseminated to the lowest level.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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