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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy on Firearms Secured in Division of Military and Naval Affairs' (DMNA) Facilities and on DMNA Property

- 1. Applicability: This policy is applicable to all members assigned to the New York State's Organized Militia, including the New York Army National Guard (NYARNG), New York Air National Guard (NYANG), New York Naval Militia (NYNM), New York Guard (NYG), all State and Federal employees of the DMNA and Joint Force Headquarters-New York, and all individuals visiting any of our facilities.
- 2. Basic Policy: The possession of firearms (not including military unit property) upon property under the control of DMNA is prohibited unless authorized under one of the following exceptions:
- a. Firearms may be carried by law enforcement and government personnel duly authorized to carry firearms while on official duty. All Federal and State firearms licensing regulations must be adhered to while on DMNA property. Unlicensed, privately owned firearms are not allowed on DMNA property.
- b. Firearms may be brought on DMNA property by individuals participating under a Non-military Use Agreement which specifically involves the use or display of firearms. See paragraph 4, below, for requirements in connection with this exception.
- c. Firearms may be carried by off duty police officers authorized to do so by New York Penal Law and by members of visiting law enforcement agencies using DMNA property under an agreement.
- d. Firearms may be carried by members of the State Organized Militia (NYARNG, NYANG, NYNM or NYG) who are off duty civilian police/peace officers while not in military duty status. While in military duty status, off-duty civilian police/peace officers are allowed to transport firearms in a safe and secure manner as defined by the Officer in Charge and Control (OIC&C)/Installation Commander.

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- e. Historical personal weapons may be carried or displayed as part of an official historical activity, program, or open house. Said weapons will not be loaded.
- 3. Regardless of the above policy and exceptions, where the installation has a full-time security force with storage capability (for example, Security Forces at an Air National Guard base), the local commander may require any weapon to be secured.
- 4. Civilian Non-military use of ranges. During use of outdoor ranges under a Non-military use agreement, firearms may be carried while on the range. Weapons must be unloaded and cleared when not on the range. Firearms will be secured (for example, by a locking device or in a locked container) and unloaded when entering and leaving any indoor facility.
- 5. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

6. Questions regarding this policy memorandum may be directed to the Director of Facilities Management and Engineering, Mr. Gary Yaple, at 518-786-4603.

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