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UNITED STATES MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE RECREATION AREAS

Summary. This regulation establishes procedures for the operation of the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) Recreation Areas, (Uchee Creek Campground and Marina, McIver Suites, Marshall House and Destin Army Recreation Area, Destin FL).

Applicability. This regulation applies to all individuals using the MCoE recreation areas.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without approval from the Commander, MCoE, ATTN: Business & Recreation Division, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), USAG. Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to the Commander, MCoE, ATTN: Business & Recreation Division, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1-1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes policies and procedures for the operation of the unofficial recreational lodging facilities – Uchee Creek Campground and Marina, Mclver Suites, Marshall House and Destin Army Recreation Area.

1-2. Reference. AR 215-1. Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

1-3. Responsibilities. The Business & Recreation Division, DFMWR, will:

a. Provide guest villas, hotel rooms, studio units, suites, cabins, chalets, RV sites and campsites in a clean, serviceable condition.

b. Provide rental equipment for customers in a clean, serviceable condition. In addition, brief customers on proper operation and have them attend safety training for rental and marina equipment before using equipment. Customers must meet the local, federal, and state requirements for safety, licensing, and/or course certification.

c. Be responsible for the overall day-to-day operation of the MCoE recreation areas.

d. Advise the Director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation on matters pertaining to the MCoE recreation areas.

Chapter 2. Eligibility

2-1. Eligibility Requirements.

a. Eligibility is in accordance with AR 215-1, Chapter 7, Table 7-1.

b. Customers are required to possess a military identification (ID) card. Sponsor or eligible Family member over the age of 18 must accompany all guests while staying at the recreation areas. ID card holder must be at least 18 years of age to reserve guest units. Family members of graduating Soldiers are authorized to stay at Uchee Creek Campground, Mclver Suites, and the Marshall House as a guest of the Installation with a letter from their Soldier's commander.

c. Eligible personnel will reserve Destin's Villa 1114 through the Destin Business Manager. The list of eligible personnel include:

(1) Lieutenant Colonels and above.

(2) GS-14/NF-05 and above.

- (3) Foreign Liaison Officers.
- (4) Command Sergeants Major.
- (5) Retired Lieutenant Colonels/Command Sergeants Major and above.
- (6) Chief Warrant Officers, CW3 and above.

2-2. Reservations.

a. All eligible ID card holders may make reservations 365 days before their actual arrival date except for Destin Villas. Active Duty personnel may reserve Destin Villas 6 months before their arrival date; all others may reserve 4 months before their arrival date.

b. The DFMWR may not permit homesteading or use of Army travel camps or recreation facilities for temporary or permanent quarters. Only two campsites may be designated as Camp Host sites. DFMWR may make exceptions to the time limits during periods of low occupancy.

c. Destin Army Recreation Area.

(1) Reservations may be made by calling 850-837-6423 or going online <https://benning.armymwr.com/us/benning/>. Destin has two seasons; Summer Season – 1 March through 31 October, and Winter Season – 1 November through 28 February.

(2) Summer Season – Villa reservations will be for a minimum of 4 nights and maximum of 7 nights with a limit of 2 villas per sponsor. One-bedroom suites will be a minimum of 3 nights and maximum of 7 nights. Studios have a minimum of 2 nights and maximum of 7 nights. Hotel rooms have no minimum and a maximum of 7 nights. One sponsor may reserve a maximum combination of 5 units (suites, studios, and hotel). RV sites rented nightly up to 30 nights.

(3) Winter Season – Villas and one-bedroom units have a 2-night minimum and there is no minimum requirement for hotel rooms, studios or RV sites, but a maximum of 90 consecutive nights. A 30-day extension may be requested on the 91st day, approved by the Destin Business Manager based on availability.

(4) Eligible ID card holders may reserve the charter vessels. Reservations accepted with a credit card when booking to confirm charter. Charters range from 4 to 8 hours. Cancellations must occur 72 hours before the trip for a full refund.

(5) A full marina, including fuel sales, is available for all eligible guests to use, such as pontoons, wave runners, and kayaks. Guests staying on the property have

recreational priority for pontoons. Reservations must be cancelled 48 hours before the reserved time. Guests not staying on the property may reserve pontoon boats 24 hours before rental, if available. All other equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

d. Uchee Creek Campground and Marina.

(1) Patrons may make reservations by calling 706-545-4053 or going online at <https://benning.armymwr.com/us/benning/>.

(2) Rental units and RV sites will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of rank. Rental unit reservations will be for a minimum of 2 nights and a maximum of 7 nights. (NOTE: Limit of one cabin or chalet per ID cardholder during Oktoberfest, and two cabins or chalets during Labor Day, Memorial Day, and 4th of July).

(3) RV campsite reservations will be for a maximum of 30 nights with one (1) 30-night extension if approved by the Uchee Creek Manager based on space availability. After 60 nights, the guest may request an exception to policy to the DFMWR through the Business & Recreation Division Chief or be relocated to the extended stay sites, if space is available.

(4) Tent or primitive camping requires no reservations and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

(5) The Activity Center, Lodge, and Pavilions are available and may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with a deposit to confirm reservation.

(6) Extended Stay Campsites. There are 25 campsites in a designated location of the campground designated as extended stay campsites and may be reserved for up to 6 months. This may be extended one time with a written request through the DFMWR to the Garrison Commander based on space availability. Extended stay sites will be assigned based on the priority list in AR 215-1, Chapter 7, Table 7-1. The Garrison Commander may grant an exception based on requirements of key and essential personnel. After one year, the guest must entirely vacate Uchee Creek property for a minimum of 3 days before returning. If there are guests on an extended stay waitlist, they are offered the site. Extended stay guests must sign a Memorandum of Agreement, which defines the site standards they must maintain such as grass cutting, etc. One (1) 14-foot or smaller storage trailer is permitted per site. Appliances outside of an RV are prohibited. Outside kennels, including tying up pets is prohibited in the campground area. There is a four-vehicle limit at the long-term sites including camper and storage trailer.

(7) Boats and boat trailers (full or empty) may be stored based on space available at a designated area within Uchee Creek Campground. Long-term or short-term storage is available at Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707, on Fort Benning, 706-545-7978.

(8) Watercraft, such as pontoons, fishing boats, and kayaks are available for use. Reservations accepted with a credit card and/or deposit equal to the rental or a minimum of 2 hours, whichever is greater. Reservations must be canceled 48 hours prior to receive a refund. All motorized watercraft operators must possess a boater safety card and military or DoD ID.

e. Mclver Suites.

(1) Guests may make reservations by calling 706-545-4053 or going online at <https://benning.armymwr.com/us/benning/>.

(2) Rental units are booked on a first-come first-served basis. Suites have 2-night minimum and 30-night maximum. One (1) 30-night extension may be granted if approved by the Uchee Creek Manager based on availability. After 60 nights, the guest may request an exception to the policy from the DFMWR through Business & Recreation Division Chief.

f. Marshall House.

(1) There is a 3-night minimum stay.

(2) Distinguished visitors may have the 3-night minimum waived if booked through Protocol.

(3) Marshall House may be booked for special events; baby showers, wedding photos, graduation parties, etc. This does not include overnight lodging.

2-3. Pet Information.

a. Pets are allowed in pet friendly accommodations at Uchee Creek Campground and Marina, Mclver Suites, Marshall House, and Destin Army Recreation Area.

b. Guests must specify that a pet unit is requested at time of reservation.

c. Two pets are permitted per RV site and/or unit.

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- d. Guests must possess current shot records from a veterinarian at the time of check-in.
- e. Pets are not permitted to be unattended, unless inside RV and/or unit.
- f. Dogs must be kept on a 6-foot or shorter leash when outside of the RV site and/or unit.
- g. Pets are not permitted to be tied to trees, fences, or anchored to the ground.
- h. Outside kennels are prohibited.
- i. Pets are not permitted inside non-designated pet units. A cleaning fee will be charged at the customer's expense.
- j. Service animals in a working capacity are welcomed. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. A service animal should be harnessed, leashed or tethered unless such devices interfere with the service animal's work, or if the guest's disability prevents the use of these devices. In that case, the guest must maintain control of the service animal through voice, signal or other effective commands.
- k. Guests are responsible for their pets and must take appropriate action to clean up after them and ensure they do not disturb other guests.

2-4. Confirmation.

- a. Reservations are confirmed with a deposit by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or American Express) equal to one-night stay with the balance due upon check-in. Each guest will receive a confirmation e-mail and number for each reservation.
- b. Patrons must cancel a confirmed reservation at least 14 days prior to check-in date to receive a full refund. Group reservations and event space rentals must be cancelled a minimum of 30 days in advance. All patrons requesting cancellation outside the cancellation window forfeit the one-night deposit. Early checkouts are subject to a penalty equal to half the remaining reservation. Management will handle emergency or unusual circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
- c. Inclement or rainy weather is not a reason for refund. Management will treat hurricanes or severe weather on a case-by-case basis. Charter cancellations due to weather or safety concerns warrant a full charter service refund.

Glossary

Sponsor: Primary person authorized to use an MWR program. A sponsor is 18+ years or older service member and holds a current DoD ID Card.

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