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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTION 4790.1A

Subj: MAINTENANCE OF UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CEREMONIAL WEAPONS

Encl: (1) Ceremonial Weapons Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS)
(2) Authorized Cleaning Materials

1. Purpose. Establish procedures for accountability and maintenance of ceremonial weapons utilized by the Brigade of Midshipmen.

2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 4790.1

3. Background. Accountability and maintenance of weapons is critical to the combat readiness of all military organizations. Although the U.S. Naval Academy does not have a wartime mission, the behaviors and habits instilled here have a corresponding and lasting effect on the mission readiness and capability of units to which Naval Academy graduates are assigned. The ceremonial weapons issued to members of the Brigade are a symbol of the discipline, professionalism, and leadership within the Brigade. These weapons also provide the means to develop an appreciation for the accountability and maintenance of weapons and associated equipment.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

a. Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant. The Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant shall procure and maintain sufficient quantities of spare parts and cleaning materials to maintain ceremonial weapons. Items will be stocked and accounted for by the small arms repairman and sufficient quantities shall be issued to Company Drill Staff for distribution at the Company level as required.

b. Company Officers and Senior Enlisted Leaders. Company Officers and Company Senior Enlisted Leaders will familiarize themselves with all aspects of the function, care, and

maintenance of ceremonial weapons. They will ensure accountability is maintained over all ceremonial weapons.

c. Unit Commanders. Unit Commanders at the Battalion level and below shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Ensure proper accountability checks are conducted at the conclusion of each evolution where ceremonial weapons are used.

(2) Ensure that maintenance of ceremonial weapons is properly conducted.

(3) Conduct two semi-annual inventories of all ceremonial weapons. Report all discrepancies to the Battalion Officer via the Company Officer.

d. Individual Midshipmen. Each Midshipman is accountable for his or her assigned ceremonial weapons. Company Drill Staff will ensure that proper cleaning procedures as denoted in enclosures (1) are adhered to during the PMCS. Midshipmen shall perform the following maintenance procedures for their ceremonial weapons and ensure that only those materials listed at enclosure (2) are used when cleaning a ceremonial weapon:

(1) Maintain control of ceremonial weapons issued to themselves.

(2) Upon the completion of each ceremonial evolution thoroughly wipe down the external surfaces of the weapon leaving a light coat of cleaner lubricant preservative (CLP) on all metal parts, and secure the rifle in their rooms. Midshipmen shall use only those cleaning materials authorized at enclosure (3). Commercial solvents, or lubricants (other than CLP or other approved items issued by the small arms repairer) are strictly prohibited.

(3) Perform all maintenance checks and services as outlined in enclosure (1).

e. Brigade Drill Master. The Brigade Drill Master shall be responsible for oversight of the accountability, training and maintenance of all ceremonial weapons and shall accomplish the following in the execution of his duties:

(1) Supervise weapons issue and turn-in procedures for Midshipmen.

(2) Ensure that the Commandant's staff, Company Officers, and Senior Enlisted Leaders are trained on the maintenance and cleaning of the ceremonial weapons.

(3) Ensure that the Brigade drill staff are trained and certified to instruct other Midshipmen on the PMCS for the ceremonial weapons.

f. Drill Officers and Drill Sergeants. Drill Officers and Drill Sergeants will be certified as instructors for the care and maintenance procedures of ceremonial weapons and shall accomplish the following in execution of their duties:

(1) Train members of their unit in the proper care and maintenance of ceremonial weapons.

(2) Assist unit commanders in ensuring that the maintenance of the weapons is completed bi-weekly or as needed for their respective Company or Battalion.

(3) Assist the Brigade Drill Master with weapons issue and turn-in accountability procedures.

g. Small Arms Repairman. The Small Arms Repairman will be responsible for repairs to ceremonial weapons that exceed the echelon of maintenance required of Midshipmen as reflected in enclosures (1) and (2).

5. Accountability and Use

a. Ceremonial weapons will be issued at the beginning of the academic year during the reform of the Brigade. Ceremonial weapons will only be given out one per Midshipman. Midshipmen may not check out a weapon for any individual other than themselves. In order to check out a weapon, each Midshipman must present their military identification card to the Armory Officer or his designated representative. No weapon will be checked out to an individual without a military identification card.

b. After the last parade of the year, all ceremonial weapons shall be returned to the armory before any Midshipman is authorized to depart for summer leave or training. All Midshipmen will turn in their own ceremonial weapons. In order to turn in a weapon, each Midshipman must present their military identification card to the Armory Officer or his designated representative. No weapon will be turned in without presenting a military identification card.

c. Midshipmen on Zero Block training or leave must turn in their ceremonial weapons prior to departing after final examinations. Failure to do so will result in being recalled from training or leave, and administrative conduct action.

6. Review Responsibility. The Commandant's Operations Officer is responsible for the annual review of this instruction.



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Distribution:
Non-Mids (Electronically)

**Organizational Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
M14 Ceremonial Weapons**

Q - Quarterly (OCT/JAN/APR)

Sequence Number	Item To Be Inspected	Performance	Work Time
1.	Rifle	Wipe dry to remove oil, dirt, and foreign matter.	5 min
2.	Stock Assembly	Inspect for cracks, chips, looseness, missing screws, protective coating, and overall good condition.	2 min
3.	Operating Rod and Connector Assembly	Inspect for damage and for proper functioning.	1 min
4.	Bolt Assembly	Remove and inspect for excessive wear and cracks. Clean and lubricate.	5 min
5.	Barrel and receiver	Inspect for unusual wear, damage, and cleanliness.	3 min
6.	Sight	Check for damage, missing of loose parts and functioning.	2 min

Total Time: 18 min

**Organizational Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
Sword and Scabbard**

M - Monthly

Sequence Number	Item To Be Inspected	Performance	Work Time
1.	Sword	Remove fingerprints and other oil marks with a soft, dry cloth.	2 min
2.	Scabbard/Belt	Leather scabbards should only require an occasional wipe with a cloth moistened with a clear household silicon spray polish. Scuff marks in the leather can usually be repaired or hidden with ordinary shoe polish.	7 min

Total Time: 9 min

Authorized Cleaning Materials

1. Only the following items are authorized for use in the care and cleaning of the ceremonial rifle:

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>NSN</u>
Cleaner, Lubricant, Preservative (CLP) for rifles only	9150 01 054 6453
All purpose Brush (Nylon)	1005 00 494 6602
Cotton Swab	1005 00 288 3565
Cotton Applicator	6515 01 234 6838
Chamber Brush	1005 00 690 3115
Bore Brush	1005 00 556 4174
Combination Tool	4933 00 768 0211
Cotton Rag	N/A

a. Items shall be issued to individual Midshipmen through the small arms repairer and otherwise made available through the Brigade Drill staff organization.

b. The following items are strictly prohibited for use in care and cleaning of the weapon:

Commercial fuels and solvents (i.e., gasoline, acetone, etc.)
Metal cleaners or polishes
Commercial Lubricants (i.e., WD-40 3-in-1 oil, motor oil, etc.)
Steel wool
Steel wire brushes
Sandpaper
Wood finishing products (i.e., varnish, lacquer, furniture oils)
Paint of any kind