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From: Commander, Military Sealift Command

Subj: MARINERS EMPLOYING M14 SERVICE RIFLE FOR LINE THROWING
PURPOSES

Ref: (a) Amendment of the Gun Control Act of 1968
(b) 18 U.S.C. 922(g)
(c) OPNAVINST 3591.1E, Small Arms Training and
Qualification
(d) NWP 4-01.4, Replenishment at Sea
(e) NTRP 3-07.2.2, Force Protection Weapons Handling
Standard Procedures and Guidelines
(f) SW350-A1-MMO-010, Rifle Adapter Kit Mk 87 Mod 1 Line
Throwing, Description, Operation and Maintenance

Encl: (1) DD Form 2760, Qualifications to Possess Fire Arms or
Ammunition
(2) MSC Supplement to DD Form 2760
(3) MSC's M14 Rifle training topics for line throwing
(4) Authorization letter to employ M14 Rifle for line
throwing purposes

1. Purpose. To establish COMSC guidance regarding the requirements for mariners to employ the M14 Service Rifle for line throwing purposes during underway replenishment (UNREP), maritime emergencies or other maritime operations.

2. Guidance.

a. In accordance with references (a)-(f), any mariner employing the M14 Service Rifle for line throwing purposes during UNREP, maritime emergencies or other maritime related evolutions shall:

(1) Read, understand and sign enclosure (1) and (2). Enclosures (1) and (2) shall be maintained on board ship only as long as the mariner serves as a crewmember on the ship and are not transportable from ship to ship.

(2) Successfully complete the training in enclosure (3).

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This training may be conducted onboard by a licensed deck officer or UNREP Boatswain who is currently small arms qualified on the M14 Service Rifle. This training is only required once in a mariner's career.

(3) The ship's Master shall ensure that documentation of this training is provided to the employer or union for entry into the training record data base.

b. The ship's Master shall issue a letter, enclosure (4), authorizing the mariners to employ the M14 Service Rifle for line throwing purposes. This letter is transportable from ship-to-ship.

c. The training conducted under this policy does not meet the requirements for qualification on the M14 Service Rifle in accordance with reference (c), nor does it grant a mariner authorization to employ the M14 Service Rifle using a 7.62mm bullet.

d. Mariners who are currently qualified on the M14 Service Rifle in accordance with reference (c) meet the intent of this letter.

3. Actions.

a. The ship's Master shall ensure that the policy is carried out prior to a mariner employing the M14 Service Rifle for line throwing purposes.

b. The employer or union, as appropriate, shall ensure that a permanent record of the mariner's training is maintained in its respective training record system.



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Distribution:
COMSCINST 5215.5B
List I, Case A,B,C
List II, III

QUALIFICATION TO POSSESS FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(9); E.O. 9397.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To obtain information to determine if you have been convicted of a crime of domestic violence which would disqualify you from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving either Government-issued or private firearms or ammunition and to determine if reassignment, reclassification, detail or other administrative action is warranted. Your Social Security Number is solicited solely for purposes of verifying your identity.

ROUTINE USE(S): To the Department of Justice so that such information can be included in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System which may be used by firearm licensees (importers, manufacturers or dealers) to determine whether individuals are qualified to receive or possess firearms and ammunition.

DISCLOSURE: Mandatory for all personnel who are required to certify. Failure to provide the information may result in (1) (military only) the imposition of criminal or administrative penalties for failing to obey a lawful order, and (2) (civilian only) the imposition of administrative penalties, to include removal from Federal service. However, neither your answers nor information or evidence gained by reason of your answers can be used against you in any criminal prosecution for a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(9), including (military only) prosecutions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, based on a violation of Section 922(g)(9), for conduct which occurred prior to the completion of this form. The answers you furnish and any information resulting therefrom, however, may be used against you in a criminal or administrative proceedings if you knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information.

SECTION I - INSTRUCTIONS

An amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. 922) makes it a felony for anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition. It is also a felony for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm to any person so convicted.

The Department of Defense has, by policy, expanded the prohibitions contained in Title 18 Section 922(g)(9) to those military or civilian personnel who have felony convictions for crimes of domestic violence. Convictions of crimes of domestic violence do not include summary court-martial convictions, the imposition of nonjudicial punishment (Article 15, UCMJ), or deferred prosecutions (or similar alternative dispositions) in civilian courts. Furthermore, a person shall not be considered as having committed a "crime of domestic violence" for purposes of the firearms restriction of the Gun Control Act unless all of the following elements are present:

- (1) the person was convicted of a crime;
- (2) the offense has as its factual basis the use or attempted use of physical force, or threatened use of a deadly weapon;
- (3) the convicted offender was at the time of the offense:
 - (a) a current or former spouse, parent or guardian of the victim,
 - (b) a person with whom the victim shared a child in common,

- (c) a person who was cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or
- (d) a person who was similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim;

- (4) the convicted offender was represented by counsel, or knowingly and intelligently waived the right to counsel;
- (5) if entitled to have the case tried by jury, the case was actually tried by jury or the person knowingly and intelligently waived the right to have the case tried by jury;
- (6) the conviction has not been expunged or set aside, or the convicted offender has not been pardoned for the offense or had civil rights restored, unless the pardon, expungement, or restoration of civil rights provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess or receive firearms.

If you have ever received a domestic violence conviction: (1) you may not possess any firearm or ammunition; and (2) you must return any Government-issued firearm or ammunition to your commander or immediate supervisor; and (3) you must take steps to relinquish possession of any privately owned firearms or ammunition. Furthermore, any previously issued authorization to possess a firearm or ammunition is revoked.

If you have any questions, or you are uncertain if you have such a conviction, you may wish to contact a legal assistance attorney, if eligible, or a private attorney, at your own expense.

SECTION II - QUALIFICATION INQUIRY *(Complete and return to your commander or immediate supervisor within 10 days of receipt)*

1. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE: *(Initial and date)*

YES	NO	I DON'T KNOW <i>(Provide explanation on reverse)</i>
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2. IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO THE FIRST QUESTION, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE CONVICTION:

a. COURT/JURISDICTION	b. DOCKET/CASE NUMBER
c. STATUTE/CHARGE	d. DATE SENTENCED <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>

3. CERTIFICATION. I hereby certify that, to the best of my information and belief, all of the information provided by me is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information provided herein may be grounds for criminal and/or administrative proceedings, to include (if civilian) adverse action, up to and including removal, and (if military) disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I further understand that I have a continuing obligation to inform my Commander or Supervisor should I be convicted of a crime of domestic violence in the future.

a. NAME <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	b. RANK/GRADE	c. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
d. ORGANIZATION	e. SIGNATURE	f. DATE SIGNED <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>

MSC SUPPLEMENT to DD FORM 2760
(Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition)

This MSC supplement will be attached to DD Form 2760 and both forms are to be executed together (read & signed) by MSC ship crewmembers or security contractors who will be issued Government firearms or ammunition.

It shall be unlawful for any MSC ship crewmember or security contractor to be issued, transport, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition if that person meets any of the criteria listed below, which are based on 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) and section 6 of OPNAVINST 3591.1E (SMALL ARMS TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION):

- (1) person has been convicted in any court of a felony, which is usually a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;
- (2) person is a fugitive from justice;
- (3) person is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802));
- (4) person has been adjudicated as a mental defective or who has been committed to a mental institution;
- (5) person who, being an alien -
 - (A) is illegally or unlawfully in the United States; or
 - (B) except as provided in subsection 18 USC § 922(y)(2), has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa (as that term is defined in section 101(a)(26) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 (a)(26));
- (6) person has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions;
- (7) person who, having been a citizen of the United States, has renounced his citizenship;
- (8) person who is subject to a court order that –

(A) was issued after a hearing of which such person received actual notice, and at which such person had an opportunity to participate;

(B) restrains such person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of such person or child of such intimate partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child; and

(C) includes a finding that such person represents a credible threat to the physical safety of such intimate partner or child; or by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against such intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury; or

(9) person has been convicted in any court of a felony or misdemeanor crime of domestic violence-

(10) person has a psychiatric diagnosis for which medication is necessary
Waivers of this disqualification may be requested and approved in accordance with the requirements of section 6c of OPNAVINST 3591.1E

Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above information. I hereby certify that I am not a person falling within any of the categories listed above and that I am consequently not disqualified from possessing, receiving, shipping, or transporting arms or ammunition. I agree to advise the Government immediately, in writing, if my status under any of these categories changes. I understand that it is a felony to violate 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), which is punishable by imprisonment and fine, or by Administrative Action.

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

(MMD (Z-card) Number)

(Ship)

(Rate)

M14 Service Rifle Training Topics for Line Throwing

1. The following training topics shall be covered by a ship's officer or UNREP Bos'n IAW reference (e) and (f).

- Universal safety rules, section 1.2.1⁽¹⁾
- Description of the M14 rifle, section 5.1.1⁽¹⁾
- Major components of M14 Service Rifle, section 5.1.3⁽¹⁾
- Weapon condition codes, section 5.2.1⁽¹⁾
- Weapon handling commands, section 5.2.2⁽¹⁾
- Safe weapon handling procedures for M14 rifle at the clearing barrel, section 5.3⁽¹⁾
- M14 rifle safe weapon movement procedures, section 5.4⁽¹⁾
- M14 rifle issue to/recovery from the armory⁽¹⁾
- Mk 87 Mod 1 components, Chapter 2-2⁽²⁾.
- Preparation of M14 Service Rifle to fire the Mk 87 Mod 1 Kit, Chapter 4-2⁽²⁾.
- Preparation of the Mk 87 Mod 1 Kit shot line, Chapter 4-4⁽²⁾.
- Preparation of the Mk87 Mod 1 Kit projectile, Chapter 4-5⁽²⁾.
- Loading of the M14 Service Rifle grenade cartridge, Chapter 4-6⁽²⁾.
- Firing of the M14 Service Rifle for line throwing purposes, Chapter 4-7⁽²⁾.
- Range vs. Elevation, Chapter 2-3⁽²⁾.

- Procedures for handling misfires and Hang fires, Chapter 4-8⁽²⁾.

1. NTRP 3-07.2.2 Force Protection Weapons Handling Standard Procedures and Guidelines

2. SW350-A1-MM0-010; Mk 87 Mod 1 Line Throwing Rifle Adapter Kit Technical Manual; Technical Manual

(Date)

From: _____
(Master's Name)

(Ship's Name)

To: _____
(Name of Individual Authorized to Employ M14 for Line Throwing)

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY M14 SERVICE RIFLE FOR LINE
THROWING

Ref: (a) COMSC ltr 12410, Ser N13/000438 of 4 June 2008

1. You are hereby authorized to employ a M14 Service Rifle
for line throwing purposes, IAW reference (a).

(Master's Signature)

Enclosure (4)