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Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

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/Marina, McIver Suites and Army Destin Recreation Center, 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/Marina, McIver Suites and Destin Army Recreation Area.

1-2 Reference

AR 215-1. Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 Sep 10.

1-3 Explanation of abbreviations. Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. Responsibilities The Business & Recreation Division, DFMWR, will:

- a. Provide guest villas, motel rooms, studio units, suites, cabins, chalets, 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 centers. Sponsor or eligible Family member 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 as a guest of the installation with a letter from their Soldier's commander.
- c. Destin - Villa 1114, Eligible personnel will reserve Villa 1114 through the Destin Business Manager. If not reserved 30 days in advance of a date it will operate under the same priority as all other villas.
 - (1) Lieutenant Colonels and above
 - (2) Directors, GS14 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 personnel 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 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, Winter Season – 1 October through 28 February, Summer Season – 1 March through 30 September.
 - (2) Summer Season – Villa reservations will be for a minimum of 4 and maximum of 7 nights with a limit of 3 villas per ID sponsor. Efficiency apartments will be a minimum of 2 and maximum of 7 nights. Studio's minimum is 2 and maximum of 7 nights. Motel rooms have no minimum and a maximum of 7 nights. One ID sponsor may reserve a maximum combination of 5 Efficiency, Studio and Hotel units in any combination. RV sites rented nightly or weekly up to 30 nights.
 - (3) Winter Season – Villas and one bedroom units have a 2-night minimum and no minimum requirement for hotel rooms, studios and RV sites, but a maximum of 30 consecutive nights with one 30-night extension approved by the Destin Manager based on space availability. Selected villas, studios, 1-bedroom apartments and RV sites are available to authorized guests for up to four months during the Winter Season only.
 - (4) Eligible personnel may reserve the charter vessels. Reservations accepted with a credit card when booking to confirm charter. Charters range from 3 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' use, with priority given to guests staying on the property. Watercraft, such as pontoons, fishing boats, wave runners, and kayaks are available for use with reservations accepted for pontoon and fishing boats. Guests staying on the property have priority; reservations must be cancelled 48 hours before the reserved time. Guests not staying on the property may reserve 24 hours before rental. All other equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - (6) There are designated pet units. Guests must specify at time of reservation that a pet unit is requested. Guests are subject to pet fees and must possess a current health certificate of their pet(s). There is a maximum of two pets per unit including RV sites. Guests are responsible for their pets and must take appropriate action to clean up after them and ensure they do not disturb other guests. Outside kennels or tying up pets are not authorized in the campground area.
- d. Uchee Creek Campground/Marina
 - (1) Patrons can make reservations by calling 706-545-4053 or going on line 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).
 - (3) Campsites reservations will be for a minimum of one night and a maximum of 30 nights with one 30-night extension if approved by the Uchee Creek Manager based on space availability. After 60 nights, the guest may request an exception 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, Campers Cove 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. Twenty five (25) campsites in the designated location of the campground may be reserved 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 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 wait list they will be 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 14 foot or smaller storage trailer is permitted per site. No outside kennels or tying up pets is authorized 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, Building 1707, on Fort Benning, 706-545-7978.

(8) There are designated pet units. Guests must specify at time of reservation that a pet unit is requested. Guests are subject to pet fees and must possess current health certificates for all pets. There is a maximum of two pets per unit. Guests are responsible for their pets and must take appropriate action to clean up after them and ensure they do not disturb other guests. Outside kennels or tying up pets not authorized in the Campground area.

(9) 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. Guests staying on the property have priority. Guests not staying on the property may reserve 24 hours prior to rental. Reservations must be canceled 48 hours prior. 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 on line at <https://benning.armymwr.com/us/benning/>.

(2) Rental units will be booked on a first-come first-serve basis. Suites have no minimum and a maximum of 30 nights. One 30-night extension may be granted if approved by the Uchee Creek Manager based on availability. After 80 nights, the guest may request an exception to the DFMWR through the Business & Recreation Division Chief.

(3) There are designated pet units. Guest must specify at time of reservation that a pet unit is requested. Guests are subject to pet fees and must possess current health certificates on pet(s). There is a maximum of two pets per unit. Outside kennels not authorized. Guests are responsible for their pets and must take appropriate action to clean up after them and ensure they do not disturb other guests. Outside kennels or tying up pets not authorized.

2-3 Confirmation

a. Reservations are confirmed 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 email and number.

b. Patrons must cancel a confirmed reservation 14 days before check-in date to receive a full refund. Group reservations and event space rentals must cancel 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 cancellation due to weather or safety concerns warrants a full charter service refund.

Glossary

Abbreviations/Acronyms

DFMWR Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
SGS Secretary General Staff
MCoE Maneuver Center of Excellence

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