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NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTER (NGTC) BEACH PASS POLICY - 2019

1. National Guard Training Center (NGTC).

- a. The National Guard Training Center (NGTC) in Sea Girt, New Jersey is a State-owned and operated facility funded and organized to support the New Jersey National Guard (NJNG) under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA). In addition to the National Guard units located at the NGTC, there are four (4) long-term tenant organizations based at the Training Center; the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), and the New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC). There are numerous other government, public, and private lessees who use the premises on various occasions such as the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Borough of Sea Girt Police Department, and the Wall Township Police Department.
- b. The NGTC is not part of the State Park system. The beach is patrolled by the Sea Girt Beach Patrol through a Cooperative Agreement. Due to the limited number of parking spaces and over 400,000 New Jersey Veterans, there is a limited number of beach parking passes to access the National Guard Training Center (NGTC) for personnel as indicated in paragraph 2.
- c. Four (4) changing rooms and two (2) outside showers are provided at the left side of the beach parking areas. Additionally, in the same vicinity are several Porta-Johns (including handicapped) that are available.
- NGTC Access. In support of Force Protection measures, the NGTC is a restricted access facility. Individuals must present credentials to the Security Guard at the Main Gate. The following users are authorized access:
 - All Active Duty, Reserve Component and NJNG military personnel living or stationed in New Jersey have access to the NGTC with the presentation of a valid military or dependent ID.
 - (1) Current NJNG members are authorized to sponsor three (3) beach parking passes.
 - (2) Retired National Guard members are authorized to sponsor one (1) beach parking pass.
 - (3) Current and retired Reserve Component and Active Duty personnel are authorized to sponsor one (1) beach parking pass.
- b. Current and retired DMAVA State employees and NJNG Federal DOD employees (non-dual status) have access to the NGTC with the presentation of a valid DMAVA or DOD ID card and are authorized to sponsor three (3) beach parking passes.

^{* -} This document supersedes TAG Policy Letter 18-3, dated 15 May 2018.

- c. Current and retired federal and state law enforcement officers from the NJSP, DOC, JJC, and DCJ have access with the presentation of a valid federal or state ID card and are authorized to sponsor one (1) beach parking pass for a spouse or other dependent.
- d. Local First Responders who support the NGTC have access with presentation of a valid ID. Local First Responders include current members of the Sea Girt, Manasquan, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Brielle, and Wall Police, Fire, and Rescue Squad/EMS. Local First Responders are authorized to sponsor one (1) beach parking pass for spouse or other dependent.
- e. A disabled veteran or a recipient of the Purple Heart has free access to the NGTC, when a motor vehicle owned by the disabled veteran or the Purple Heart recipient, displays disabled veteran's or Purple Heart license plates or a placard.
- f. Animals that are not service animals are not allowed on the beach. Individuals with service animals must have an official designation that the animal is a service animal and must maintain the animal on a leash at all times. The person must be the only person to handle the service animal and must pick up after the service animal. The service animal must be trained to be the extension of the person in a way that it responds only to and behaves only for the person for whom it is providing a service. If the service animal cannot be controlled or does not behave in the appropriate manner specified by its training, the animal can and will be required to be removed from the location.

3. Beach Parking Passes.

- a. Sponsors will be issued beach parking passes starting 15 May 2019 from Tuesday to Friday between the hours of 0900-1200 in Room 132, Building 7, National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, N.J. 08750.
- b. Military members or retirees, who also qualify for access due to employment at an agency listed in paragraph 2, are not authorized dual access. For example, if a military member or retiree is also a member of the NJSP or DMAVA, then they must use their military access privileges and would not be authorized an additional beach parking pass.
- c. The Adjutant General (TAG) reserves the right to direct access to the NGTC to supporters of the NJNG (e.g. civic groups, Veterans' organizations, donors).
- d. Beginning January 2020, beach parking passes will cost \$35.00 per season and will be paid by Credit Card in Room 132, Building 7, National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, NJ, 08750. The revenue generated by beach parking passes will be used to operate and maintain the beach and adjacent facilities.

4. Additional Responsibilities and Disciplinary Actions.

- a. Beach passes are published annually by the Director, NGTC. Forged, improperly completed or beach passes presented by anyone other than the cardholder will be confiscated by the Security Guard. The person(s) will be denied entrance and a report will be filed with the Director, NGTC.
- b. Clearly printed name of user and sponsor on the beach pass must match driver license or other identification to gain access.
- c. Appropriate Commanders and agencies will be notified by the Director, NGTC, for further disciplinary action in the event person(s) with beach passes are denied entrance or told to leave the Post for violating policies.

5. Beach Rules.

- a. The following beach rules apply to visitors and those stationed at the NGTC:
 - (1) Park only in authorized areas.
 - (2) Swimming is only permitted on the southern portion of the beach.
 - (3) No boats, kayaks, rafts, surf boards or personal water craft.
 - (4) No dogs or pets.
 - (5) No glass containers.
 - (6) No alcoholic beverages.
 - (7) No tents, lean-tos, cabanas, etc.
 - (8) No vehicles on the beach.
 - No fires, grills, or BBQs.
 - (10) Do not walk into the dune areas.
 - (11) Do not enter the restricted environmentally sensitive areas behind the ranges and on the beach (refer to Section 7 below).
 - (12 Fishing in the approved area only (north beach).
 - (13) Remove all trash/litter from the beach and deposit in approved containers.
 - (14) No drones.
- b. Beach visitors will comply with the Sea Girt beach patrol and the NGTC swimming restrictions and guidance. Visitors to the NGTC are subject to the rules, regulations and other guidance applicable to Post operations.
- c. Beach visitors who have a need for a service dog or comfort dog must call (732) 974-5952 or (732) 974-5977 for an Exception to Policy prior to arrival.
- d. Failure to comply with this guidance will be cause for eviction from the Post and other appropriate actions as required by the situation.

6. Beach Picnic Area Events.

- a. DMAVA organizations, military units, NGTC tenant agencies and visitors may request the use of the Beach Picnic Area for unit or large events. A written request must be submitted to the Director, National Guard Training Center, P.O. Box 251, Sea Girt, NJ, 08750. The request must contain: the proposed date(s) to include primary and alternate date(s), purpose of the event, and Point of Contact information, i.e. name, telephone number, and email address
- b. There are sixteen (16) large metal picnic tables in this area that will seat approximately eighty (80) to one hundred fifteen (115) people. Tents, cabanas, and grills may be used in this area, but are not provided by the NGTC. Rental units are available through the Outdoor Recreation Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, as well as other local commercial establishments.
- 7. Natural Resource Areas. There are two (2) closed sections of beach known as the Northern Protected Area and the Southern Protected Area. Several rare species of wildlife utilize these protected areas and are closed to human activity. Please refer to the NGTC's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (www.nj.gov/military/construction-facilities-management/environmental-management/documents) for additional information. Point of contact regarding natural resources issues is Mr. William McBride at (609) 530-7136 or william.mcbride@dmava.nj.gov.

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