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NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTER (NGTC) BEACH PARKING PASS POLICY – 2020

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 presently 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 governmental, public, and private lessees who use the premises for various occasions.

b. The NGTC is **not** part of the State Park system and through cooperative agreement, the beach is patrolled by the Sea Girt Beach Patrol. Due to the limited number of parking spaces and over 400,000 Veterans residing in New Jersey, there are only a limited number of beach parking passes that can be issued to access the National Guard Training Center.

c. There are four (4) changing rooms and two (2) outside showers are provided at the left side of the beach parking areas, in addition there are several Porta-Johns (including handicapped) available.

2. 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:

a. All Active Duty and Reserve Component military personnel living or stationed in New Jersey have access to the NGTC with the presentation of a valid military or dependent ID. A single beach pass is issued to an authorized individual. For an additional fee, that individual may "sponsor" additional guest beach passes.

(1) Current NJNG members are authorized to sponsor three (3) guest beach parking passes.

(2) Retired National Guard members are authorized to sponsor one (1) guest beach parking pass.

(3) Current and retired Reserve Component and Active Duty personnel are authorized to sponsor one (1) guest beach parking passes.

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 DMA VA or DOD ID card and are authorized to sponsor three (3) additional guest beach parking passes.

****This TAG Policy Letter supersedes TAG Policy Letter, 19-1, dated 1 February 2019.***

c. Current and retired State law enforcement officers from the NJSP, DOC, JJC, and DCJ have access with the presentation of a valid State ID card and are authorized to sponsor one (1) additional 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 Police, Fire and Rescue Squad/EMS. Local First Responders are authorized to sponsor one (1) additional beach parking pass for spouse or other dependent.

e. A disabled veteran or a recipient of a Purple Heart has free access to the NGTC, when a motor vehicle owned by the disabled veteran who has a disabled veteran's identification or Purple Heart recipient displays disabled veteran's or Purple Heart license plates or a placard. In addition, those individuals who can demonstrate that they are Gold Star Parent, or the spouse of a fallen Trooper have free access to the NGTC.

f. Animals that are not service animals are not allowed on the NGTC. Individuals with service animals must designate that the animal is a service animal. 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 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 2020 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 or sponsor access to the NGTC to supporters of the NJNG (e.g. civic groups, Veterans' organizations, donors) at the rate discussed in d.

d. Beginning January 2020, beach parking passes will cost \$45.00 per season and will be paid by credit card in Room 132, Building 7, National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, NJ, 08750. Additional guest parking passes are also \$45.00 per season. The revenue generated by beach parking passes is used to fund and maintain the beach and adjacent facilities.

e. Soldiers and Airmen who have served but not completed 20 years of service will be able to purchase one (1) beach parking pass with proof of service by presenting a DD-214, NGB-22, DARP 249-2 or ARPC 606-E.

4. Additional Responsibilities and Disciplinary Actions.

a. Beach passes are reissued annually by the Superintendent, 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 Superintendent, 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 watercraft.
- (4) No pets (refer to paragraph 2.f above concerning service animals).
- (5) No glass containers.
- (6) No alcoholic beverages.
- (7) No cabanas.
- (8) No vehicles on the beach.
- (9) No fires, grills, or BBQs.
- (10) Do not walk into the dune areas.

(11) Do not enter into the restricted environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife habitats behind the ranges and on the beach.

- (12) Fishing in approved area only (north beach).
- (13) Remove all trash/litter from the beach and deposit in approved containers.
- (14) No unmanned aerial systems, i.e. 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.

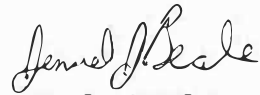
c. Failure to comply with beach rules will be cause for eviction from the Post and disciplinary or criminal charges as appropriate.

6. Beach Picnic Area Events.

a. Military units, Post 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 Superintendent, 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, email address

b. There are 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 to active duty and retired military through the Outdoor Recreation Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, who can be contacted at (609) 562-6667 (phone) or (609) 562-1060 (fax) as well as other local commercial establishments.

7. **Natural Resources Area.** There are two (2) closed sections of the 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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