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TAG POLICY LETTER 21-04

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NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTER (NGTC) BEACH PARKING PASS POLICY – 2022

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 five (5) 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), the New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC), and the New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy. There are numerous other government, public, and private lessees who use the premises on various occasions.

b. The NGTC **is not** part of the State Park system and through a cooperative agreement, the beach is patrolled by the Borough of 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 that are provided at the left side of the beach parking areas, in addition there are several Porta-Johns (including handicapped) available.

d. The National Guard Training Center beach parking lot will be open from 1 January 1 2022 through 30 September 2022. If applicable, a new beach parking pass must be purchased for the new year. Beach access will be available from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. during this period. If no lifeguards are on duty, swimming is at the individual's own risk.

2. NGTC Access. In support of current 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 and their dependents living or stationed in New Jersey have free access to the NGTC beach parking with the presentation of a valid military or dependent identification card. They **are not** required to purchase a Beach Parking Pass for themselves, however:

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

(2) Retired National Guard members are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

****This TAG Policy Letter supersedes TAG Policy Letter 21-01, dated 9 January 2021.***

(3) Current and retired Reserve Component and Title 10 Active Duty personnel are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

b. Current and retired DMAVA State employees and NJNG Title 5 employees have free access to the NGTC with the presentation of a valid DMAVA or DOD identification card and are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

c. Current and retired State law enforcement officers from the NJSP, DOC, JJC, and DCJ have free access with the presentation of a valid State identification card and are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) beach parking passes.

d. Local First Responders who directly support the NGTC have free access with presentation of a valid ID. Local First Responders include current members of both Sea Girt and Manasquan Police, Fire and Rescue Squad/EMS. Local First Responders are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) beach parking passes.

e. A service-connected disabled veteran or a recipient of the Purple Heart has free access to the NGTC upon presentation of a United States Department of Veterans Affairs identification card or a Purple Heart recipient displays a disabled veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or a placard. These individuals are also authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

f. Individuals who can demonstrate that they are a Gold Star Parent, or the spouse of a Fallen Trooper have free access to the NGTC. Gold Star parents and spouses of Fallen Troopers are also authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) beach parking passes.

g. Only service animals are allowed on the NGTC and the beach. Service animals must be designated as a service animal. The owner of the service animal is responsible for cleaning up after the service animal.

3. Beach Parking Passes.

a. The revenue generated by beach parking passes is used to offset the costs of lifeguards, daily beach raking, maintenance, Port-a-Johns seasonal rental, and trash removal.

b. Beach parking passes will cost \$50.00 per person per year and will be paid only by credit card beginning Monday, November 1, 2021. Sponsors can purchase the beach parking passes remotely by calling 732-974-4500 or in person at the National Guard Training Center, building 7, Room 132, Sea Girt, NJ 08750, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

c. The beach parking pass is valid from 1 January through 30 September annually. A new beach parking pass must be sponsored and purchased for new year.

d. Military members or retirees, who also qualify for access due to employment at an agency listed in paragraph 2, are not authorized dual purchasing. For example, if a military member or retiree is also a member of the NJSP or DMAVA, then they must use their military privileges. Military or retirees would not be authorized to purchase beach parking passes for both the agency and military/retiree.

e. 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) at the beach parking pass rate of \$50.00.

4. Additional Responsibilities and Disciplinary Actions.

a. Beach parking passes are reissued annually by the Superintendent, NGTC. Forged, improperly completed or beach parking passes presented by anyone other than the cardholder will be confiscated by Security. The person(s) will be denied entrance and a report will be filed with the Superintendent, NGTC.

b. Clearly printed name of user and sponsor on the beach parking pass must match the driver's license or other identification to gain access.

c. Appropriate Commanders and/or agencies will be notified by the Superintendent, NGTC, for further disciplinary action in the event person(s) with beach parking passes are denied entrance or told to leave the NGTC for violating policies.

5. Beach Rules.

a. The following beach rules apply to visitors and those stationed at the NGTC:

- (1) When no lifeguards are on duty, then individuals will swim at their own risk.
- (2) Park only in authorized areas.
- (3) Swimming is only permitted on the southern portion of the beach.
- (4) No boats, kayaks, rafts, surf boards or personal watercraft.
- (5) No pets (refer to section 2.g concerning service animals).
- (6) No glass containers.
- (7) No alcoholic beverages.
- (8) No tents or cabanas.
- (9) No vehicles on the beach.
- (10) No fires, grills, or BBQs.
- (11) Do not walk into the dune areas.
- (12) Do not enter the restricted environmentally sensitive areas, the protected natural resources areas and wildlife habitats behind the ranges and on the beach.
- (13) Fishing in approved area only (north beach).
- (14) Remove all trash/litter from the beach and deposit in approved containers.
- (15) 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 NGTC operations. Failure to comply with the beach rules are grounds for the beach parking pass being confiscated, eviction from the NGTC, and/or disciplinary or criminal charges, as appropriate.

6. East Picnic Area Events.

a. Military units, NGTC tenant agencies and visitors may request the use of the East picnic area for unit or large events. The East picnic area is not on the beach, it is located on the grass field north of the beach parking lot. A written request for the use of East picnic area must be submitted to the Superintendent, National Guard Training Center, P.O. Box 251, Sea Girt, NJ, 08750.

b. The request must contain:

- (1) Proposed date(s) to include primary and alternate date(s);
- (2) Purpose of the event;
- (3) Primary and alternate points of contact information (i.e. name, telephone number, email address); and
- (4) Verification that both the primary and alternate point of contacts have read the Natural Resources Brief located at <https://www.nj.gov/military/admin/departments/ngtc/documents/NGTC-Natural-Resources-Brief.pdf> (refer to section 7).

c. Tents, cabanas, and grills may be used in the East picnic area, but are not provided by the NGTC. Rentals 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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