

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. *Can I bring/transport POW/POF's on base?*

A1 (a). Yes, however all POW/POFs must be unloaded (cylinder/chamber empty, clip/magazine out), the ammunition and weapon must be separated and not accessible to the driver or other passengers in the vehicle.

A1 (b). Personnel are not allowed to transport concealed or loaded POW/POF on the installation to include bows and unauthorized knives. Weapons must not be concealed when in the vehicle (weapons maintained in a locked trunk or bed of a vehicle are not considered concealed).

Q2. *Can I carry on base?*

A2. No. The 97 AMW/CC has not authorized the carry of POW/POF on the installation.

Q3. *Do I have to notify anyone that I am in possession of POW/POF?*

A3. Yes, whenever in contact with installation security/law enforcement personnel, you MUST identify that you are currently in possession of a POW/POF.

Q4. *Can I use my weapon on base?*

A4. No. Individuals will not discharge any type of weapon on Altus AFB.

Q5. *Are there any weapons prohibited on Altus AFB?*

A5. Yes, the following weapons are prohibited on Altus AFB, without the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and Installation Commander approval:

(1) Short-barrel firearms (excluding handguns) which include rifles with a barrel length less than 16 inches, shotguns with a barrel length less than 18 inches or any weapons made from a shotgun or a rifle which, when altered, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(2) Any firearm with a suppressor.

(3) Brass knuckles and switchblade knives.

(4) Machine guns or automatic firing weapons.

Q6. *If I see someone with a weapon on base, what should I do?*

A6. DO NOT attempt to confront any individual in violation of the policy. The Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) will serve as the focal point for notifications and can be reached at (580) 481-7444.

Q7. *How do I register a firearm?*

A7. To register a firearm, make contact with the 97th SFS Armory at 580-481-5885. You will be given instructions.

Q8. *Where do weapons have to be stored?*

A8. All weapons must be stored at either the 97 SFS Armory (located in building 130) or an authorized alternative storage location (i.e. privatized housing). NOTE: POW/POF and ammunition are prohibited in the dormitories.

Q9. *When can I check out my POW/POF from the armory?*

A9. POW/POF may be withdrawn 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Personnel may temporarily withdraw POW/POF for a period not to exceed 72 hours. Personnel withdrawing firearms and ammunition must return them to the SF Armory immediately after use. (Issuance and turn-in of government weapons or mission requirements will have priority over POW/POF withdrawal).

Q10. *When do I have to return my weapon to the armory?*

A10. Personnel withdrawing firearms and ammunition must return them to the SF Armory immediately after use.

Q11. *What if I'm PCS'ing, going on leave or separating/retiring?*

A11. Members going TDY, PCSing or going on leave that wish to take their POW/POF must permanently withdraw their POW/POF in order to keep it out longer than the 72 hour period (you must notify the SF Armory of your intent).

Q12. *If I have more questions, who can I ask?*

A12. You can make contact with 97 SFS/S5P at 580-481-6638

Q13. *What's my role as a Commander?*

A13 (a). Commanders will take reasonable, necessary and lawful measures to maintain good order, discipline and security. This includes the authority to deny access to, detain or remove individuals who threaten the safety or orderly administration of the installation.

A13 (b). Unit Commanders will also ensure each person registering a firearm for storage on the installation signs a DD Form 2760, *Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition*. A signed copy will be maintained with the file copy of the AF Form 1314, and return it to the registrant when firearms are de-registered on the installation.

Q14. *What Regulation guides this policy?*

A14. The 97 AMW/CC has developed and implemented on-station guidance governing use and control of POWs in accordance with DOD policy, AFI 31-101, MAJCOM guidance, local conditions, federal, state and local laws. Contact 97 SFS/S5P for more information.