



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL STATION NEWPORT
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NEWPORT, RI 02841-1522

IN REPLY REFER TO:
NAVSTANPTINST 5090.25D
ENVIRONMENTAL
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NAVAL STATION (NAVSTA) NEWPORT INSTRUCTION 5090.25D

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport

Subj: NAVSTA NEWPORT BOW HUNTING PROCEDURES

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 4715.3
(b) OPNAVINST 5090.1C
(c) COMNAVREG MIDLANT INST 5820.2
(d) NAVSTANPTINST 5530.7A
(e) Rhode Island Hunting Regulations

Encl: (1) Bow Hunting Permit Suspension/Revocation
(2) Bow Hunting Permit
(3) NAVSTA Newport Bow Hunting Application
(4) Bow Hunting Legal Release Form
(5) Bow Hunting Safety
(6) Map of Bow Hunting Areas
(7) Security Department Bow Hunting Check-In/Out
(8) Bow Hunting Survey

1. Purpose. To establish policy, procedures and responsibilities for bow hunting White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) at NAVSTA, Newport.

2. Cancellation. NAVSTANPTINST 5090.25C

3. Policy

a. Per references (a) and (b), it is DoD policy to allow hunting at military installations in compliance with state regulations and best wildlife management practices. Hunting is controlled by the NAVSTA Commanding Officer (CO) through locally published station instructions which conform to all Federal and State wildlife conservation statutes.

b. Violation of this instruction or references (a) through (e) which pertain to hunting regulations and privately owned weapons may result in prosecution through applicable Federal and state laws, as well as suspension or revocation of NAVSTA hunting privileges per the guidelines in enclosure (1).

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4. Responsibilities

a. Commanding Officer

(1) Review and provide waivers, as appropriate, to base policy.

b. NAVSTA Environmental Program Manager

(1) Oversee the base hunting program as it relates to the management of wildlife resources.

(2) Provide policy guidance and recommendations to the command for the management of fish and wildlife resources.

(3) In cooperation with the NAVSTA Natural Resources Manager, coordinate and maintain the development and conservation of the base wildlife resources.

(4) Liaise with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife personnel, and state game wardens.

(5) Resolve disputes over the management and harvesting of deer and assist NAVSTA Security in the enforcement of Federal, state and local game laws and regulations.

(6) Issue bow hunting permits.

c. NAVSTA Security Director

(1) Review and forward reports of hunting violations to the CO and the Natural Resources Manager.

d. NAVSTA Security Department

(1) Enforce all Federal, state and local laws and regulations.

(2) Conduct inspections of hunters, hunting equipment and game to determine compliance with all applicable instructions, laws and licenses.

(3) Ensure that Security personnel permit access to hunting areas for authorized personnel only, as outlined in this instruction.

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(4) Maintain a record of all hunters permitted access and require all hunters to check in and out on each day of hunting.

(5) Ensure no hunter checks in earlier than one and one half hours before sunrise and checks out not later than one and one half hours after sunset.

5. General Information

a. Authorized Personnel. The following persons are authorized to bow hunt at NAVSTA:

(1) Active duty military personnel and their dependents of legal hunting age.

(2) DoD civilian employees at NAVSTA and their dependents of legal hunting age.

(3) Active duty reservists at NAVSTA and their dependents of legal hunting age.

(4) DoD contract support employees at NAVSTA.

(5) Authorized personnel meeting the disability requirements for use of a special archery adaptive aid or crossbow may be granted permission to bow hunt with such equipment on a case by case basis at the discretion of the CO.

(6) DoD retirees with station access.

(7) Guests of the CO.

b. Firearms. Deer hunting at NAVSTA is restricted to bow hunting only. A compound bow is the only authorized weapon for hunting on NAVSTA property. The use of firearms for deer hunting is prohibited and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

c. Protected Wildlife. No hunter shall harass, injure, hunt, or take any other wildlife while bow hunting deer at NAVSTA.

d. Littering. Littering at NAVSTA is prohibited. All refuse shall be removed from the hunting sites and placed in designated trash containers. Refuse will not be buried.

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e. Open Fires. Open fires are not permitted at NAVSTA.

f. Alcohol or Drugs. Bow hunting while under the influence of, or in possession of alcohol or any controlled substance is prohibited.

g. Violation of Instruction. All violations of this instruction or other applicable laws and regulations shall be immediately reported to the Natural Resources Manager and NAVSTA Security.

6. Procedures

a. Bow Hunting

(1) A Rhode Island Hunting License, Rhode Island Deer Permit and NAVSTA Bow Hunting Permit are required of all persons who hunt at NAVSTA. NAVSTA hunting permits will be issued by the Natural Resources Manager (see enclosure (2)).

(2) Participants will be limited to one hundred people. Completion of the NAVSTA Bow Hunt Application is required to be returned by the date specified by the Natural Resources Manager annually, see enclosure (3). Participants will be issued a permit on a "first come, first served" basis dependent on receipt of applications. Separate correspondence listing the requirements and dates for Bow Hunting Seasons will be issued annually.

(3) At the time of permit issuance, individuals shall be required to complete and sign enclosure (4), which relieves the Federal government of all liability in the case of accident or injury. Individual hunters must read and understand all applicable Federal, state, local and NAVSTA bow hunting regulations before being issued a permit.

(4) In order to allow maximum participation, each permit shall be valid for a period of 14 days or until the hunter harvests a deer. The hunter shall then go to the bottom of the queue if they wish to apply for a second permit.

(5) All new bow hunters meeting the hunting requirements set forth in this section shall attend an indoctrination brief given by the Natural Resources Manager. This brief will help bow hunters familiarize themselves with hunting areas and base

regulations and will establish individual hunting days. The Natural Resources Manager shall issue hunters area maps with their permit.

(6) Hunters shall ensure their compound bow hunting equipment complies with Rhode Island hunting regulations governing such equipment. Additionally, hunters must comply with references (c) and (d) governing the transportation and registration of privately owned weapons on Navy installations.

(7) Hunters shall not use dogs to hunt at NAVSTA.

(8) NAVSTA prohibits any person from casting rays of any artificial light on any deer at any time except for the routine census checks approved by the Natural Resources Manager.

(9) Bow hunting may be conducted from tree stands. Pruning of small limbs (less than 2" in diameter) is permitted around the temporary tree stands for safe bow limb clearance. Removal of large limbs, trees or shrubs for the creation of shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.

(10) All bow hunters shall become familiar with enclosure (5) on bow hunting safety.

b. Hunting Seasons/Days

(1) Unless otherwise specified herein, limits, seasons, times, and methods of bow hunting for deer at NAVSTA shall conform to state and Federal regulations. The Natural Resources Manager shall control the length of the season based on hunter success and deer management goals.

c. Access to Hunting Areas

(1) Enclosure (6) is a map of authorized hunting areas at NAVSTA. Bow hunters possessing a valid NAVSTA hunting permit shall check in at the security office in order to receive their assigned area for that day. Hunters will be assigned an area by the on-duty security dispatcher on a "first come, first served" basis each day upon check-in. Hunters may select a location anywhere within the assigned area. Hunters shall only hunt in their assigned hunting area on any given day.

(2) Every hunter must carry a valid NAVSTA hunting permit

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on their person at all times and display a copy of this permit in the windshield of their parked vehicle.

(3) Hunting areas are signed out for the entire hunting day. The bow hunter shall check out with Security at (401) 841-4041 immediately upon concluding hunting at the end of the day.

(4) If a hunter harvests a deer, they must physically check in with Security, fill out enclosure (8) and surrender their NAVSTA hunting permit.

(5) Hunters are required to make every effort to retrieve a wounded deer within the hunter's designated hunting area. If a wounded deer is lost or exits a designated hunting area, the hunter must notify Security and obtain permission to enter another hunter's area. If the area to where the wounded deer escaped is occupied, the hunter may not enter until the area is vacated by the hunter assigned to the area.

(6) The entrails from field dressed deer shall not be left on roadways or in any locations where entrails are visible to passing vehicles. Hunters are prohibited from burying the entrails from field dressed deer.

(7) Specific areas and hunting dates may be closed by the NAVSTA CO, Natural Resources Manager, or Security at any time.

d. Regulations for Deer Hunting. Bow hunters may take deer in compliance with Rhode Island hunting regulations regarding bag limits, gender, and physical characteristics. Per reference (c), a hunter harvesting a deer shall upon kill, attach the appropriate Rhode Island deer tag. Upon field dressing the deer at the hunting site, the hunter shall exit the site with the dressed carcass and proceed immediately to Security for check out.

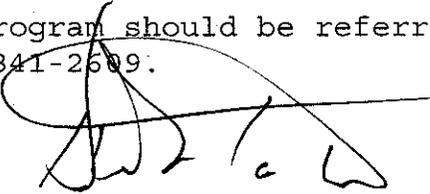
(1) Note: Successful hunters shall be required to complete enclosure (8) when they harvest a deer. Upon completion of check out the hunter shall remove the carcass from NAVSTA.

(2) All deer harvested must be reported to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within 24 hours by

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mailing a pre-paid Deer Season Kill Report Card or by checking the animal with an Environmental Police Officer. Failure to check a deer in accordance with the Rhode Island Hunting Regulations will result in the loss of all hunting privileges and/or future hunting opportunities on NAVSTA for the individual violator.

7. Questions regarding this program should be referred to the Staff Judge Advocate at (401) 841-2609.



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BOW HUNTING PERMIT SUSPENSION/REVOCACTION

1. Policy. The privilege of bow hunting at NAVSTA is governed by the NAVSTA CO.
2. Authority. The Natural Resources Manager and Security shall enforce regulations and have the authority to suspend or revoke hunting privileges as appropriate.
3. Violations. The following is a list of common violations and maximum administrative actions which may be taken against persons who violate applicable state and Federal statutes and provisions of this instruction. Permit suspensions may be in addition to criminal prosecution and/or prosecution through the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

ACTION	VIOLATION
TERMINATION	Violation of any state or Federal wildlife statute
TERMINATION	Spotlighting deer
TERMINATION	Hunting under the influence of or in possession of drugs and/or intoxicants
TERMINATION	Violation of check-in/check-out procedures
TERMINATION	Violation of hunting days/times
TERMINATION	Violation of hunting areas
TERMINATION	Violation of weapons controls
TERMINATION	Safety clothing
TERMINATION	Open fires
TERMINATION	Littering
TERMINATION	Unauthorized damage to vegetation and natural resources
TERMINATION	Unauthorized vehicle parking

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BOW HUNTING PERMIT

NUMBER _____

BOW HUNTING SEASON _____

1. NAVSTA hereby grants _____ authorization to bow hunt white-tailed deer on NAVSTA property during the _____ bow hunting season. This Permit will be valid from _____ to _____ or upon the harvesting of one deer from an assigned hunting area.

2. The bearer of this bow hunting permit agrees to comply in full with all Rhode Island regulations governing bow hunting and the terms and conditions of NAVSTANPTINST 5090.25D. Any violations of either governing regulation will result in the permanent revocation of this permit and all future bow hunting privileges at NAVSTA and may subject the permit holder to criminal prosecution.

Signature:

_____ (Permit Holder)

Printed Name:

_____ (Permit Holder)

Date:

Endorsement:

_____ (NAVSTA Nat. Res. Manager)

Date:

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BOW HUNTING LEGAL RELEASE FORM

I, the undersigned, understand that hunting is an inherently dangerous sport, and I voluntarily assume the risks associated with hunting on board NAVSTA. I hereby release, acquit, discharge, indemnify, and will hold harmless the United States of America, the United States Navy, all officers, organizations, military and civilian personnel and activities of the United States, the United States Navy and any other individual or organization connected with the United States Government, including the United States Navy from any and all cause or causes of action, including personal injury, illness, death, property damage, costs, charges, claims, demands and liabilities of whatever kind, name or nature in any manner arising out of use or enjoyment of said permit or any control exercised over said use, participation, property, facilities, equipment or individual in the use of enjoyment of any permit. I have read and understand the provisions of NAVSTANPTINST 5090.25C. I am aware that a violation of the above instruction or Rhode Island regulations governing bow hunting will result in the revocation of my permit and civil prosecution.

Permit Holder's Signature

Date

Print Name

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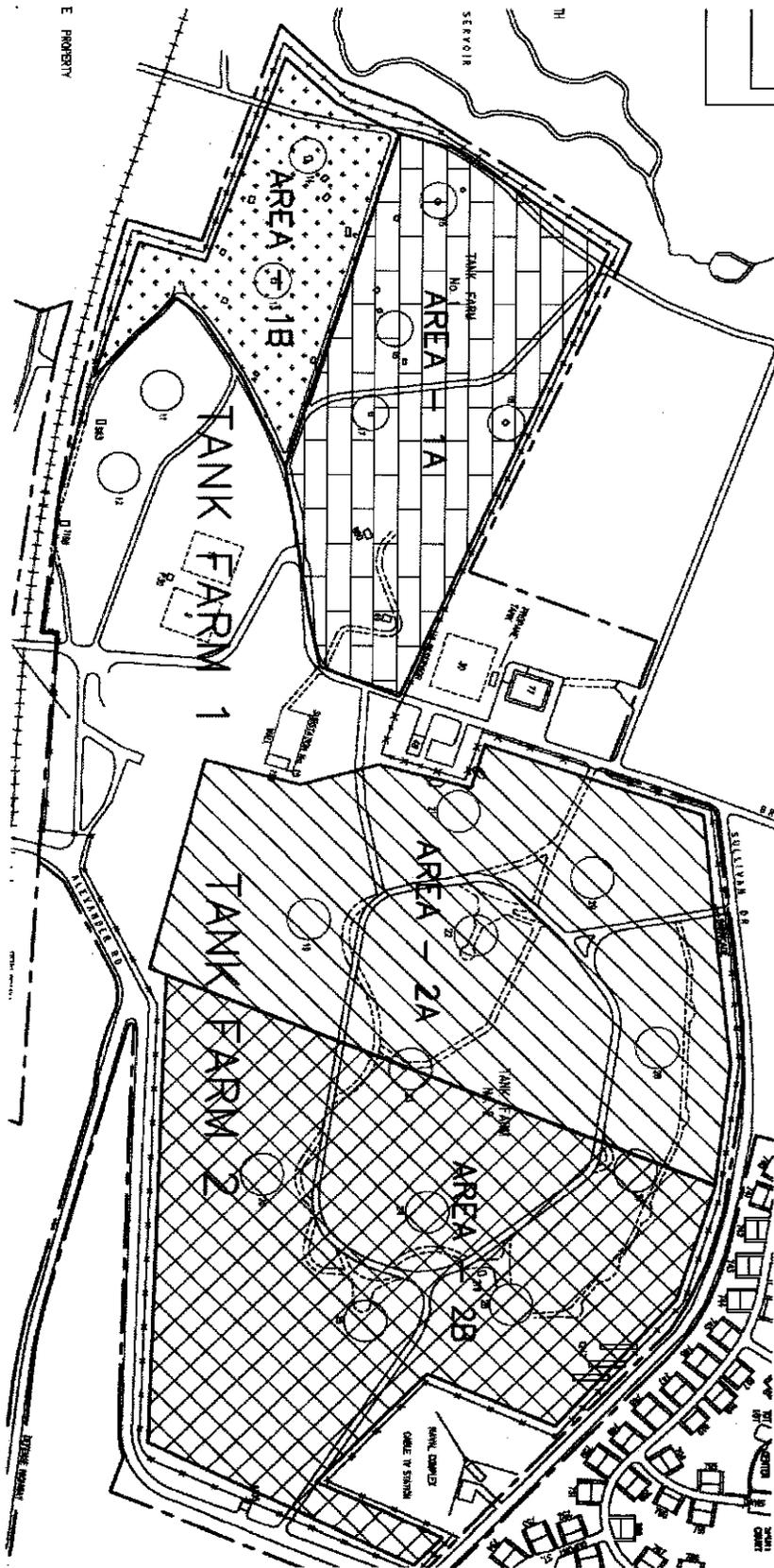
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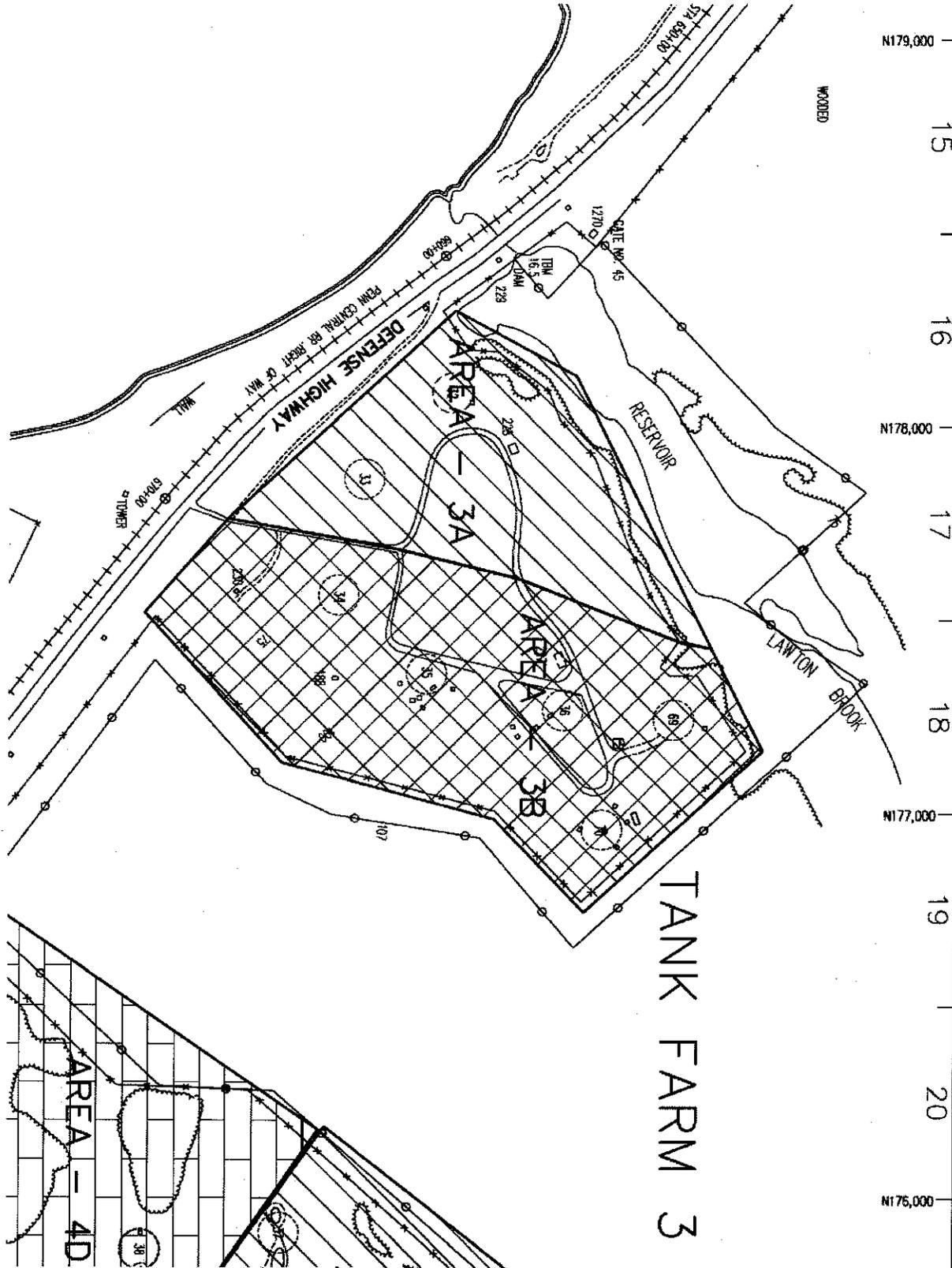
1. Always be certain of the flight path of an arrow. Never take skyline shots in which the arrow disappears over a ledge or a roll of the hill.
2. Remember that within its range an arrow is as deadly as a bullet. Aim only at targets you wish to hit. Because an arrow can deflect easily or be thrown off course, a bow with a nocked arrow on its string should never be pulled when anyone is standing in front of the shooter.
3. Archery tackle is easily damaged and when in poor repair is extremely dangerous to use.
4. Archery tackle should not be readied for use until the bow hunter is belted into the tree stand. Arrows should never be carried in the nocked position.
5. Select a quiver with safety in mind. If a bow quiver is used, the sharp broadheads must be covered. Open-tipped back quivers should be used with care since arrows may injure the hunter.
6. Always carry archery tackle in the luggage section of the car. If this is not possible, be sure broadhead arrows are in a protective container.
7. Sharpen broadhead arrows by making strokes from the blade outward. Arrows should be kept very sharp and constant retouching is necessary. Follow the outward stroke pattern to avoid hand cuts.
8. Use caution in dressing out an arrow-killed deer. The sharp broadheads may remain in the animal's body cavity and cut the unwary archer when field dressing the deer.
9. Be sure to have ample clearance for the bow limbs when shooting from a tree stand.
10. Keep out of the line of the bow limb while stringing or unstringing a bow. If the loop should slip or the string break, face or eye injury could result. Be sure loops are well seated in the bow nocks before pulling the bow.
11. Never shoot straight up in the air. A falling arrow is traveling fast enough to penetrate the skull.

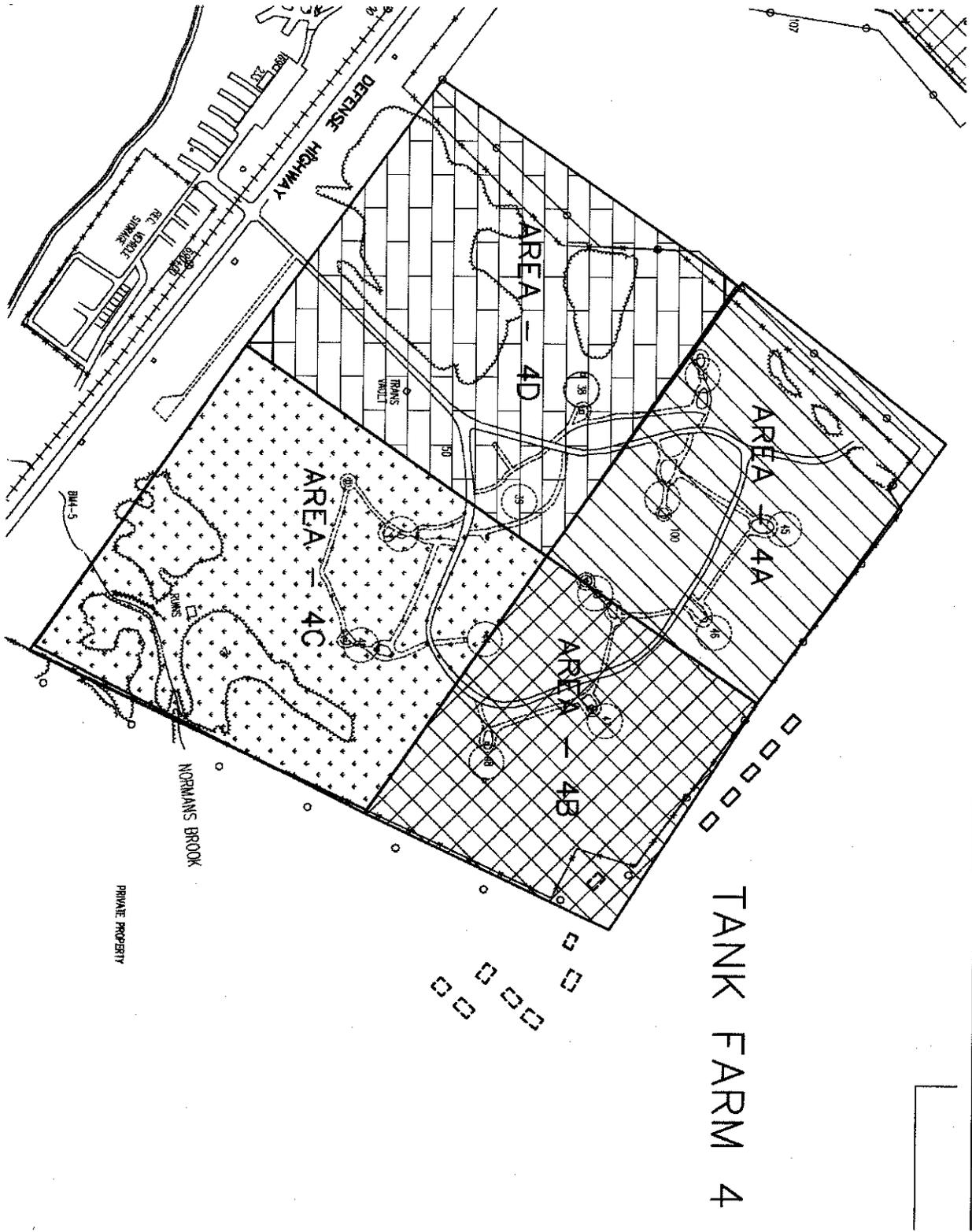
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12. Tree stand safety is essential to prevent falls resulting in serious injury or even death. Always wear a safety belt. Hunters will leave bows and arrows on the ground while climbing the tree and then use a haul line to lift the equipment to the tree stand platform.







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SECURITY DEPARTMENT BOW HUNTING CHECK IN/OUT

DATE:		
NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		HOME PHONE #:
TOWN/CITY:		ZIP CODE:
VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/YEAR:		
LICENSE PLATE #/STATE:		
PERSON TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY		
NAME:	ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE:
CHECK-IN TIME:	CHECK-OUT TIME:	

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

PART A - INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED TO INDIVIDUAL

1. AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulation.
2. PRINCIPLE PURPOSE(S): To obtain information necessary to register and account for individuals participating in an organized deer hunt on board NAVSTA.
3. ROUTINE USE(S): Information provided will be used to register and account for the presence of those participating in the organized deer hunt and their vehicles. Such information may also be used in an emergency to obtain medical services and to contact family members. This information will be destroyed within five (5) working days after the hunter's participation.
4. Disclosure is voluntary however, those who refuse to disclose the information requested will not be permitted to participate in the hunt.

Enclosure (7)

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BOW HUNTING SURVEY

DATE:	NAME:
1. Bow Hunting Information	
a. NAVSTA bow hunt permit number	
b. State hunting license number	
c. Assigned bow hunting site	
d. Check-in time	
e. Check-out time	
f. Total hours afield	
g. Deer observations afield (gender, size, physical condition)	
# Bucks sighted	
# Does sighted	
# Fawns sighted	
# Unknown sighted	
h. Deer shot at/hit/recovered	
# Deer shot at (specify sex)	
# Deer hit (specify sex)	
# Deer recovered (specify sex)	
# Arrows recovered	
Distance of shots missed (yards)	
Distance of shots hit (yards)	