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MARINE CORPS ORDER 3591.14A

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: Use of Service Weapons in Competitive Marksmanship
Programs

Encl: (1) All Service Memorandum of Understanding

1. Purpose. To transmit the enclosure for appropriate action and to designate the type of rifle to be fired in division, Marine Corps, and other types of matches.

2. Cancellation. MCO 3591.14.

3. Information. The agreement in the enclosure specifies that the only rifle to be fired in rifle matches supported by Government funds at ranges of 600 yards or less will be the service rifle as designated by the individual services. The firing of other weapons at greater ranges or in international-type matches is permissible.

4. Action

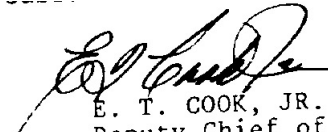
a. Commanders sponsoring teams in the Marine Corps Competition-in-Arms Program will ensure compliance with the instructions contained in the enclosure by carrying out the following:

(1) Commencing fiscal year 1986, the M16A2 is designated as the service rifle for use in the division matches.

(2) Commencing fiscal year 1986, the match-conditioned M14 rifle is designated as the service rifle and will be fired in the Marine Corps Matches, all National Rifle Association registered or approved matches and other civilian sponsored competitions.

b. Reproduction of additional copies of the enclosure is authorized.

5. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.


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ALL SERVICE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Subj: Use of Service Weapons in Competitive Marksmanship Programs

I. PURPOSE

This understanding sets forth policy governing the entry of uniformed service competitors in specified rifle matches.

II. BACKGROUND

Government funds used in support of competitive marksmanship programs are appropriated to attain training objectives. Since the final objective in marksmanship training is proficient combat rifleman, weapons used by these riflemen should correspond to the service weapons issued to and used by these individuals in the performance of their primary mission. Because of special competitions, such as long range and international type matches, exceptions from this understanding for these matches are authorized.

III. UNDERSTANDING

Military competitors whose transportation or other travel expenses are paid, wholly, or in part, from Government funds, appropriated or quasipublic (exchange, recreation, welfare and morale) and/or who uses government issued equipment will be required to fire a service rifle authorized by paragraph 25, AR 920-30/OPNAVINST 3590.7B/AFR 50-17/MCO P3590.13 at ranges of 200 through 600 yards in all NRA registered or approved matches or other civilian sponsored competitions. Personnel will fire the type service rifle as directed by their parent Service. The firing of other weapons at greater ranges or in international type matches is permissible.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this agreement shall be 1 January 1971

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/s/ ELMO R. ZUMWALT, JR., ADMIRAL Chief of Naval Operations	/s/ LEONARD F. CHAPMAN, JR., GENERAL Commandant of the Marine Corps
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