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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville

Subj: GUIDELINES FOR CY 2022-2023 HUNTING SEASON ON BOARD NAS KINGSVILLE
AND DIXIE ANNEX

Ref: (a) NASKINGSINST 1710.31

1. Purpose. Reference (a) governs hunting on NAS Kingsville and Dixie Annex. The purpose of this notice is to publish additional guidance outlining season dates, permit fees, and the annual deer management tag drawing for Dixie Annex.

2. Discussion. To supplement reference (a) additional guidelines for the 2022-2023 NAS Kingsville and Dixie Annex hunting season are published in this notice. Season dates, hunt weekends, and Dixie Annex deer tag drawing procedures are set forth below.

3. General Guidelines

a. The 2022-2023 NAS Kingsville and Dixie Annex hunting season will be from September 14, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Specific hunt dates are outlined below according to property and game type. Permits are valid for the season purchased only.

b. Methods of taking game shall be in accordance with regulations set forth in reference (a) and in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Eligibility, minimum age restrictions, hunter education requirements, and hunting permit requirements shall be in accordance with reference (a).

4. Hunting Permit Fees:

a. NAS Kingsville

(1) Deer Hunting Permit: \$250

(2) Bird Hunting Permit: \$25

b. Dixie Annex:

(1) Antlerless: \$200

(2) Buck: \$300

(3) Bird/Hog/Turkey: \$150

(4) Patron pass: \$25 (required for all guests of registered hunters. Does not allow hunting or the handling of firearms)

c. Super Combo: (Super Combo includes permission to participate in ALL hunting onboard NAS Kingsville and Dixie Annex, but **does not** include deer tags for Dixie Annex).

(1) Active Duty and their dependents (nine years and older), Disabled Veterans: \$400.00

(2) Retired military, DOD employees, Reserve personnel/National Guard (not on active duty orders): \$500

(3) Any patron who is drawn for a Dixie Annex deer tag (antlerless, or buck) can add a Super Combo for an additional \$150 at the time they purchase their deer tag.

d. Qualified Huntmasters will pay 25% of the applicable permit fee. (Huntmasters will not be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with their duties).

e. Payments for all hunting permits must be processed at the NAS Kingsville Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Recreation office. The permit may be purchased in person or over the phone. Patrons wishing to make payment following the drawing for Dixie Annex must do so **within 14 calendar days following the drawing**. If no payment is made, the tag will be issued to an alternate selected at the time of the drawing. Alternates **will have 48 hours** to make payment from time of notification. Cash or credit cards are accepted as methods of payment.

5. Deer Hunting Guidelines:

a. Deer harvested on NAS Kingsville property shall be tagged with tags provided on the Texas State Hunting License. All bag limits, antler restrictions, and other restrictions are according to state and local regulation. In order to ensure equal access to hunting opportunities, only one deer may be harvested per hunter, per hunt weekend on NAS Kingsville regardless of tag status, or other circumstances.

b. Dixie Annex has been issued a Level Three Managed Land Deer Permit (MLDP) by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Under this permit, TPWD issues deer management tags to the installation, which are used in lieu of the tags provided on the Texas State Hunting License to legally tag all deer harvested aboard Dixie Annex. **No outside deer tags will be allowed to be used on Dixie Annex.** Tags are issued for both bucks and antlerless deer. Annual harvest quotas are recommended by TPWD personnel based on annual deer survey counts. The NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer may modify these quota limits based upon input from the Core Working Group as outlined in reference (a), but cannot exceed state and federal regulations.

c. Upon determination of the number of tags available for Dixie Annex, names will be drawn according to the procedures outlined below until all tags have been issued or no further entries remain. All tags not filled at the end of the season will be returned to TPWD.

(1) Eligible entries for the drawing are based on the following:

a. Active Duty personnel assigned onboard NASK – three tickets per person entered into the drawing.

b. Active Duty personnel (NON-NASK), DOD employees assigned onboard NASK, and Disabled Veterans – two tickets per person entered into the drawing.

c. Retired military/DOD employees (NON-NASK)/Reserve Personnel/National Guard and active duty military dependents (nine years and older) – one ticket per person entered into the drawing.

d. Huntmasters will receive one (1) additional ticket for every year they have performed duties as a Huntmaster.

(2) Draw procedures:

a. The drawing will be held on 30 September 2022 and tags will be reserved for the patrons whose names are drawn pending purchase of applicable hunting permit.

b. The Commanding Officer or designee will conduct all drawings.

c. Drawings are Open to all eligible hunters.

d. Drawing will be recorded and posted via the NAS Kingsville Facebook page. A list of those drawn will also be posted.

e. Tickets may be requested only through the NAS Kingsville MWR Outdoor Recreation office. Tickets may be requested in person or over the phone.

f. Ticket request will be required to be completed by 1600 on 29 Sep 22.

g. Having a ticket drawn entitles that person, and that person only, to a deer tag; **tags are not transferable.**

(3) Notifications

a. Patrons whose tickets are drawn will be notified by e-mail and/or telephone within three working days after the drawing. Additionally, a list of individuals drawn will be posted on the NAS Kingsville Facebook page.

b. Once notified, patrons will be required to purchase the applicable Dixie Annex hunting permit within 14 calendar days (if not already purchased).

c. Patrons who fail to purchase the applicable Dixie Annex permit or who fail to respond to notification within 14 calendar days will be considered to have forfeited their tags.

d. MWR Outdoor Recreation staff members are not responsible for incorrect or illegible contact information.

e. If primary patrons decline to purchase their tags, MWR Outdoor Recreation will notify an alternate as listed in the alternate selection list and alternates will be selected.

f. After 14 Oct 22, any tag/permit that has not been purchased by primary or alternate patrons will be available for purchase on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. Only one tag per patron may be purchased. On 01 Dec 22 a patron may purchase an additional deer tag if any are remaining.

(4) The following restrictions apply to deer harvested on Dixie Annex:

a. Hunters whose tickets are drawn for an Antlerless Only tag will be allowed to harvest any Antlerless deer as defined by TPWD.

b. Hunters whose tickets are drawn for a Buck Only tag will be allowed to harvest any buck that has one unbranched antler (Spike) and one branched antler*– OR – an inside spread measurement between the main beams of 13 inches or greater. To determine if a buck has an inside spread measurement of at least 13 inches, look at the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip on a buck with ears in the “alert” position. If the inside spread of the main beams is outside the ear-tips, the deer is eligible to be harvested.

** The purpose of the single spike antler addition is to allow the taking of a mature deer with genetics inhibiting the ability for a 13-inch spread.*

6. Hunt Schedule: The following dates are scheduled hunts for each property.

a. NAS Kingsville Hunts are outlined below. Big Game hunt weekends on NAS Kingsville will consist of a Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning hunt only. The process to schedule additional small game/bird hunts on NAS Kingsville is outlined in reference (a).

(1) Dove Hunting:
Sep 14 – Oct 30, 2022

(2) Deer Hunting:
Nov 5-6, 2022
Nov 12-13, 2022
Nov 19-20, 2022
Dec 3-4, 2022
Dec 10-11, 2022
Dec 17-18, 2022

b. Dixie Annex Hunt weekends are outlined below. Big Game hunt weekends will consist of a Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning hunt. Small game/bird hunt times will be scheduled on scene by the duty Huntmaster, but will only take place on the weekends outlined below.

(1) Deer Hunting:
Nov 4-6, 2022
Nov 11-13, 2022
Nov 18-20, 2022
Dec 2-4, 2022
Dec 9-11, 2022
Dec 16-18, 2022
Jan 6-8, 2023 (patron cleanup only)

- (2) Hog / Small Game / Turkey
 - Feb 3-5, 2023
 - Mar 3-5, 2023
 - Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023
 - Apr 28-30, 2023

c. Patrons will be allowed to schedule hunting weekends at time of payment, by contacting MWR Outdoor Recreation, or by contacting the duty Huntmaster.

d. Selection of hunting weekends will be on a “first-come, first-serve” basis following payment of the required fees.

e. If, after the fact, a patron needs to change the weekend they were scheduled for, the patron will need to contact the MWR Outdoor Recreation office for any changes. Patrons will choose one (1) scheduled weekend.

f. Standbys – Patrons are allowed to attend non-scheduled hunt weekends on a standby basis. Patrons must contact MWR Outdoor Recreation office, or the duty Huntmaster to inform them they are intending to attend a scheduled hunt weekend in standby status so the Huntmaster will have their contact info available prior to the scheduled hunt. If blinds are available, and there is appropriate Huntmaster coverage, the patron will be accommodated.

7. Hunting Violations:

a. In an effort to ensure the overall quality of game, and health of the ecosystem, strict adherence to the deer harvest restrictions outlined above, contained in reference (a), and in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations, is required. Hunters are expected to positively identify their target and practice ethical hunting practices. Violators may:

- (1) Be temporarily or permanently banned from all NAS Kingsville sponsored hunt programs.
- (2) Be forwarded to Navy Security Forces for prosecution of regulations or laws broken.
- (3) Have their names forwarded to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Game Warden if it has been determined that state game laws have been violated.


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