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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMBV-PW 28 December 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR US Army Fort Belvoir Garrison Personnel

SUBJECT: Fort Belvoir Policy Memorandum #29, Use of Metal Detectors

1. REFERENCES:

a. Army Regulation 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 December 2007

b. Army Regulation 405-80, Management of Title & Granting Use of Real Property, 10 October 1997

c. Archaeological Resources Protection Act

d. Antiquities Act of 1906

e. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

f. Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987

2. PURPOSE: To inform personnel residing, visiting or working on Fort Belvoir that the use of metal detectors is prohibited except when used to search for "treasure trove," or for lost personal items, as outlined in Army Regulation 405-80 and this memorandum.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel on Fort Belvoir, including installation residents and non-residents.

4. POLICY:

a. In order to protect discovered and undiscovered archaeological resources, the use of metal detecting equipment is prohibited on Fort Belvoir property. Numerous Federal laws, Army regulations and polices protect historic and prehistoric artifacts and sites. Protection is not limited to only those identified archeological resources but also includes undiscovered cultural resources that have the potential of being historically significant.

b. There are specific educational, work experience and permitting requirements of those individuals who may conduct archaeological surveys or excavations and assess the significance of archeological resources.

c. Requests to use metal detectors to search for "treasure trove," or for lost personal items, rather than for archaeological resources, may be granted under a license or contract, as outlined in Army Regulation 405-80.

d. All "treasure trove," or lost personal item requests shall be submitted in writing to Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division (Kelly Lease), 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 200, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116.

e. All "treasure trove" requests shall include a list of the names and addresses of all parties to the proposed contract or license, a map showing the general search area, a description of the "treasure trove" being sought, and a general justification for why the request should be approved.

f. All requests to search for lost personal items shall include the name and contact information of the individual conducting the search, a description of the lost item, a brief explanation of where and how the property was lost, and a copy of the lost property report issued by the Fort Belvoir Police Department.

5. PROPONENT: The Directorate of Public Works is the proponent for this policy at 703-806-3759.

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