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MEMORANDUM FOR See Distribution

**SUBJECT: M1 Garand Operation and Maintenance Guide for Veteran and Civilian Service Organizations, Law Enforcement, and National Cemeteries and M1 Garand and Associated Website.**

1. References: M1 Garand Operation, Safety, and Maintenance Guide for Veteran and Civilian Service Organizations, Law Enforcement and National Cemeteries, Dated: 14 May 2015. (Enclosed)
2. Public Law 106-65 (10 USC 4683) allows for the conditional donation by the U.S. Government of .30 caliber M1 Garand Rifles, through the Ceremonial Rifle Program (CRP), to eligible organizations for use by those organizations in the rendering of funeral honors, for a member or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, and for general ceremonial purposes. The rifle .30 caliber M1 Garand, is currently the only ceremonial rifle being donated.
3. Only authorized organizations that have been issued weapons through the CRP managed by the United States Army Tank and Armaments Command (TACOM) located in Warren MI are authorized to order and receive .30 caliber blank ammunition or ammunition clips from US Army Joint Munitions Command (JMC), located at Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island IL.
4. The U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command (ARDEC) technical community in the interests of improving safety has updated the operations and maintenance guide (Reference 1) which now contains safety guidance related to a ceremony where a firing salute is being conducted as well as additional system maintenance information. In addition, to improve information access and provide a method to facilitate user organization feedback, ARDEC has released a website (<http://www.m1garandtraining.com>). This website includes links to the most current M1 maintenance guide (electronic version) as well as training videos detailing specific safety and maintenance information.
5. Both the maintenance guide and website are intended to support the safe operation and maintenance of the M1 Garand Service Rifle and .30 caliber M1909 blank ammunition being used by authorized organizations. It is not intended as a guide for the general public. While ARDEC strives to make the information contained in these products as accurate as possible, ARDEC makes no claims, promises, or guarantees



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6. User organization are encouraged to visit the website frequently as it will be updated periodically with new safety and maintenance information as it becomes available. It will also provide an avenue for users to ask questions and provide feedback both on the maintenance guide and website.

7. Going forward this maintenance guide (Reference 1), which will include website information, will be supplied with .30 caliber bank ammunition shipments to all approved user organizations

8. In the interests of providing faster dissemination of this information and improving safety for the user it is requested that a link to or copy of this maintenance guide (Reference 1), as well as a link to the website be available to authorized users through your organization's national website or the most convenient method available to you.

9. In addition it should be noted that going forward your organization will be notified of changes and or updates to the maintenance guide in a timely manner.

10. The point of contact for this matter is Mr. Robert Weissman, RDAR-EIL-LA, COM (973) 724-3056, [Robert.j.weissman.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Robert.j.weissman.civ@mail.mil)



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