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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: CG Policy Memorandum #13, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations in the Fort Sill Cantonment Area for Force Protection, Installation Support, and Public Affairs Support

1. References:

- a. Secretary of Defense, Guidance for the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the U.S. National Airspace, 31 October 2023
- b. Under Secretary of Defense, Exception to Policy Requirements for Blue Small Unmanned Aircraft System, 13 October 2022
- c. U.S. Army Aeronautical Services Agency (USAASA), Scheduling and Activating Army Delegated Special Use Airspace (SUA), 13 May 2015
- d. Secretary of Defense, Scheduling and Activating Department of Defense (DOD) delegated Special Use Airspace (SUA), 7 May 2015

2. General: The purpose of this policy is to establish standard procedures for submitting requests to operate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) within the Fort Sill Cantonment Area. Fort Sill's Cantonment Area consists of that airspace located within a two (2) mile radius of Henry Post Army Airfield (HPAAF). HPAAF is commonly used by squadrons of manned aircraft training new pilots and for real world missions. The Secretary of Defense has delegated approval authority down to the Senior Installation Commander for specific UAS missions within the U.S. National Airspace System. At Fort Sill, these missions are limited to Force Protection, Installation Support, and Public Affairs Support. UAS operational requests have continued to increase as the popularity of drone usage has increased. The Senior Commander (SC) has the responsibility to entertain these requests, while ensuring safety of flight, integration, and lawful usage within Fort Sill's FAA delegated airspace. The Installation Air Traffic and Airspace (AT&A) Officer is the SC's appointed subject matter expert. The AT&A Officer shall evaluate all requests on behalf of the SC and determine if the requested event/mission is in compliance with regulatory guidance and meets safety standards.

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3. Policy:

a. Acquired UASs shall be off the approved Blue List (<https://blueuas.diu.mil/drones>).

b. Units shall maintain an updated list of pilots and their BUQ 1 and 2 certifications. Units shall also ensure a safety observer is available and trained to assist the pilot during each operation helping ensure safety of flight. Fort Sill's Cantonment Area is restricted airspace; therefore, Part 107 certifications are not authorized to satisfy pilot certification requirements.

c. All required paperwork for the UAS and pilot is the responsibility of the organization. It shall be completed prior to any request submissions and immediately made available to the AT&A Officer upon request.

d. Not later than 90 days prior to an event/mission, staff the UAS request form via the organization S3 and Concept of Operations (CONOP) to the Installation AT&A Officer for review and feasibility determination.

e. A request form and CONOP will be submitted for each event/mission. Grouping requests or blanket requests are not authorized and will not be approved for any event/mission.

f. A feasible/non-feasible determination will be returned to the requesting organization by the AT&A Officer not later than 45 days prior to the event/mission.

g. If, at any time, the unit determines they no longer require the requested UAS operation, or changes to the mission are required, they shall inform the AT&A Officer within 1 day for cancellation and/or re-evaluation.

4. Failure to comply with any portion of this policy could result in an issuance of non-compliance as determined by the AT&A Officer. If the unit chooses to dispute the issuance of non-compliance, the Airfield Division Chief is available for appeal. Continued non-compliance by an organization could result in a request for suspension of continued operations forwarded by the AT&A Officer to the SC.

5. This policy applies to Government-owned drones. NFEs are not permitted to operate drones in the cantonment area.

6. This policy is not meant to supersede or contradict any DoD or DA policies, regulations, or guidance on the use of UAS systems.

7. This command policy remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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8. Point of contact is the AT&A Officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at (580)-442-6160.

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1. Cantonment "No-Fly" Map
2. UAS Request Form

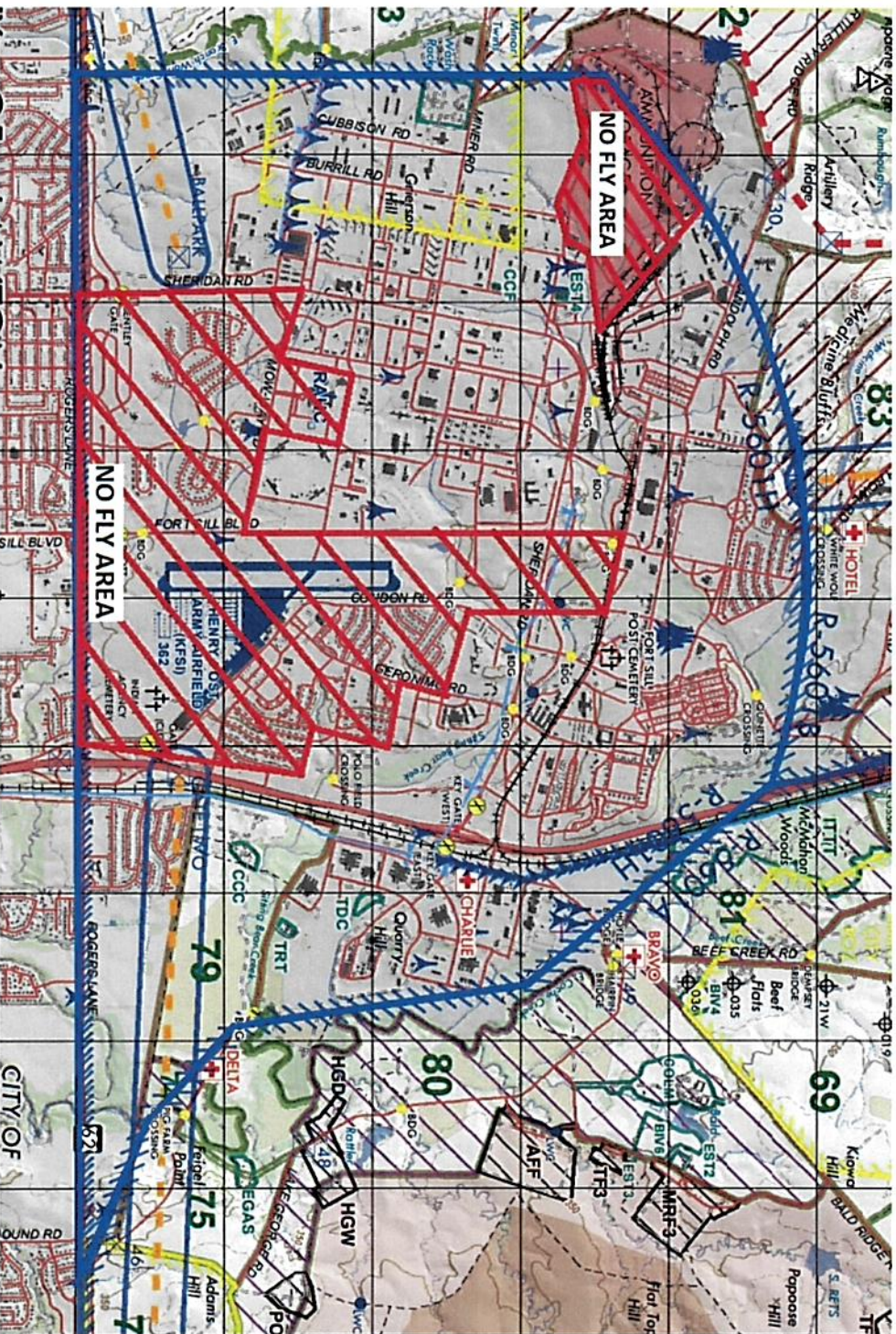


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Fort Sill Cantonment Area UAS “No-Fly” Map



Cantonment Area UAS Request Form



DPTMS
Airfield Division
Fort Sill, Oklahoma
580-442-6160

Please ensure that all sections are filled out (typed) comprehensively and accurately before submission. For any questions or additional information, contact the Air Traffic and Airspace Officer at DPTMS/Airfield Division.

Unit Information

- **Unit Name:**
- **Requester (Name and Rank):**
- **Contact Information (Email/Phone):**
- **Date of Request:**

W's of the Operations

1. **Who:** Number of Personnel Participating:
2. **What:** Type of Activity:
3. **When:** Time Frame of the Operation:
4. **Where:** Specific Location(s) within Cantonment Area:
5. **Why:** Purpose/Objectives of the Training Event:
6. **CONOP:** A CONOP of the operation must be attached to request email.

Additional Information

- Please provide any additional details or requirements

Approval Information

- **Approved by Battalion S3 Operations Officer (Name and Rank):**
- **Approval Date:**
- **S3 Operations Officer Contact Information:**

Event Information

- **Date(s) of Training Event:**
- **Lat/Long(s) and Nautical Mile (NM) Radius:**
- **Route of Operation (if applicable):**

Acknowledgment

- I acknowledge that this request must be approved by the Battalion S3 Operations before any video footage can be taken and that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Requesting Officer: _____ **Date:** _____

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- **Received by Air Traffic and Airspace Officer (Date):** _____
- **Status of Request:** [] Approved [] Denied [] Pending
- **Comments/Reason for Decision:**