



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
30TH SPACE WING (AFSPC)

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL VANDENBERG AFB PERSONNEL

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FROM: 30 SW/CC

SUBJECT: Photography Authorization Directive

1. Photography is not allowed on Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) restricted or controlled areas without permission. In accordance with Air Force Instruction (AFI) 35-102, *Security and Policy Review Process*, I hereby delegate to the 30th Space Wing (SW) Public Affairs Office (30 SW/PA) the authority to review and approve all photographic requests. The term "photography" throughout this document refers to, but is not limited to, still photography, video acquisition, digital imaging, sketching, modeling, electronic spectrum information gathering, standard or aftermarket vehicle video recording technology, handheld action camera and any other equipment able to store, reproduce in whole or part, any portion of Vandenberg AFB restricted or controlled areas (to include Pillar Point Air Force Stand) that have photography restrictions. The following guidelines apply:

a. It is a crime under 18 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 795 to photograph defense installations without first obtaining the permission of the commanding officer of the military installation. It is also a crime under 18 U.S.C § 797 to reproduce, publish, sell or give away any photograph, picture or graphic representation of a defense installation without first obtaining the permission of the commanding officer of the military installation. Finally, 18 U.S.C § 1382 makes it a crime to enter a military installation for any purpose prohibited by law or lawful regulation.

b. Security is everyone's responsibility, and compliance with this order is mandatory. Violations of this order are punishable under Title 18 U.S.C, Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and AFI 36-704, *Civilian Personnel Discipline and Adverse Actions*. In addition, certain violations may be punishable under 18 U.S.C. §§ 793-794. Violations could result in removal of base access, administrative action, non-judicial punishment, court-martial, and criminal conviction in federal court.

c. When operating a motor vehicle with standard or aftermarket video recording technology, use of video recording storage via (e.g. USB Flash Drive, Micro SD Card, etc.) is unauthorized. All aftermarket vehicle video recording devices will be removed from power sources and/or turned off if running on battery.

d. Video Cameras to include but not limited to, back-up camera, rearview mirror camera, lane assist/lane departure camera are authorized on Vandenberg AFB, as long as they do not have any video storage capabilities actively storing video footage. If such capabilities are present, they must be turned off while in restricted or controlled areas.

e. Active utilization of handheld action cameras (e.g. GoPro, etc.) to include any and all attachments and accessories for helmets, vehicles, bicycles is unauthorized in restricted or controlled areas.

2. This mandate includes all restricted or controlled areas of Vandenberg AFB and its annexes, including areas with an established temporary use lease by other organizations, such as United Launch Alliance, SpaceX, the National Reconnaissance Office, Missile Defense Agency, NASA,

14th Air Force, Joint Functional Component Command for Space and other entities. (Official photography in these areas is permitted at all times with prior coordination.)

- a. Photography of areas and activities controlled by these other agencies requires permission from the agency's releasing authority. Prior coordination with 30 SW/PA is required.
 - b. In addition to approving requests to photograph NRO resources, activities and areas, NRO reviews all photographs for classification. NRO Vandenberg Photography 01, 02-02, lists coordination requirements and includes coordination with 30 SW/PA.
 - c. Photography of the flightline and within 300 feet of the flightline area is prohibited and will be coordinated by 30 SW/PA in conjunction with 2 ROPS.
 - d. Aerial photography of base property will be coordinated by 30 SW/PA in coordination with 2 ROPS/DOWN, 30 OSS/OSK, 30 SW/ IP, 30 CES/ CENM (GIS) and any temporary use lease agencies associated with the area.
3. Government agencies or contractors and other entities/individuals with access to Vandenberg AFB seeking permission to use photography equipment on Vandenberg AFB property must submit a formal request to 30 SW/PA. The request must provide names, nationality, organizational affiliation for each person and social security numbers. Also, include a short description outlining use of imagery, specific locations for acquisition, and dates and times of acquisition.
4. All photography will be completed under the following caveats:
- a. Photography for internal use by the requesting agency is coordinated with 30 SW/PA.
 - b. Photography is limited to areas listed in the 30 SW/PA issued permission letter.
 - c. Only individuals listed in the permission letter are authorized to conduct photography.
 - d. A copy of the permission letter must be on the photographer's person at all times photography is conducted and photography products will be reviewed by the 30 SW/PA before released.
5. Any photography acquired by non-governmental personnel may be seized by 30 SFS and then reviewed by 30 SW/PA. The acquiring equipment may also be seized. Photography seized in violation of this Directive will be destroyed.
6. News media of any type, to include newspapers, magazines, bloggers, social media representatives and television stations must be accompanied on base by 30 SW/PA. If the requested location to conduct photography is controlled by another entity, 30 SW/PA will escort the media personnel on and off Vandenberg AFB.
7. 30 SW/PA will notify media or visitors of any restrictions with regard to what can and cannot be filmed in a given area or activity.

8. If media requests imagery from a restricted/sensitive area, 30 SW/PA may use PA personnel to acquire imagery and request approval for release.
9. 30 SW/PA will immediately notify 30 SFS of suspected photography of classified material by media or visitors. Subject matter experts, 30 SFS and 30 SW/PA, will ensure the photography will be deleted, erased, or destroyed from the individual's photographic equipment (e.g., camera, cell phone, video recorder, etc.) and 30 SFS will return camera.
10. If it appears there was intent to deliberately obtain coverage of classified or unauthorized information or areas for purposes of profit, espionage or to have any other significant adverse impact on national security, or Vandenberg AFB, officials should immediately report the actions through command channels as well as to 30 SW/PA.
11. For questions, please contact Ms. Robin Ghormley, Chief of Public Affairs, at 606-3595.



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