

## CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

In an effort to help veteran's organizations reduce or eliminate the cost of gun dealer's fees for evaluation and minor repairs, TACOM has established an "unofficial" relationship with CMP to provide these services. This is dependent upon location and availability of competent volunteers. TACOM will advise as to this option.

## BLANK FIRING ADAPTERS

The M1 Garand is gas-operated and will not eject spent casings without blank firing adapters, which are provided with the rifle by TACOM. Removal of the adapter is unauthorized, with the exception of removal for cleaning purposes.

There is an Instructional Guide on the Operation and Maintenance of M1 Garand Rifle Firing the M1909 Blank Cartridge. Request a copy from Joint Munitions Command or the AMVETS National Programs Office.

## AMMUNITION AND CLIPS

Request for blank ammunition and clips should be submitted directly to the POC listed here for the JMC. The quantity of ammunition is limited to two boxes. The Cartridge Caliber .30 blanks are shipped free of charge, no shipping and handling. (1,240) Rounds are shipped in 2 metal cans within a wooden box. Prefer to ship to the residence of an officer, not to post. Shipped via FEDEX, officer signature required.

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# AMVETS CEREMONIAL RIFLES PROGRAM



## INTRODUCTION

- ◇ Public Law Title (10 USC 4683) authorizes the loan of weapons for ceremonial purposes.
- ◇ Rifles may be conditionally loaned to recognized veterans' organizations for ceremonial purposes; however, a loan to any one post or department will be limited to 15 rifles; there is no minimum.
- ◇ The rifle, a U.S. Caliber 30 M1 (Garand), is currently the only ceremonial rifle being loaned. The weapon is safe to fire blank ammunition.

## APPLICATION AND PROCEDURE

- ◇ The Post requests the eligibility paperwork from the National Programs Department.
- ◇ All forms should then be completed with the appropriate signatures.
- ◇ An official Post letter, requesting a specific number of rifles, signed by the Commander or Adjutant must be addressed to TACOM but mailed to AMVETS National Programs Department, along with the eligibility paperwork.
- ◇ If the paperwork is in order and the post or department is validated, an authorization letter from AMVETS National Headquarters is added to the file and immediately forwarded to TACOM.

- ◇ No requests will be accepted at TACOM without the written approval of AMVETS National Headquarters.
- ◇ Upon receipt of an approved request, TACOM will make a determination. If additional information is required, the post POC will be informed. The information requested should be returned as soon as possible but within six-months of the request or the file will be closed.
- ◇ Rifles remain the property of the United States Government. A triennial inventory reports is required once every three years from date of issue.
- ◇ Care and maintenance is the responsibility of the post or department.

## STORAGE AND SECURITY OF CEREMONIAL RIFLES

- ◇ Storage of the ceremonial rifles is at the discretion of your post or department as long as you comply with State/Federal regulations.

## TIMELINE

- ◇ Patience is the key. After TACOM receives the correct paperwork, it will take at least 120 days before you receive the rifles from Anniston, Alabama.

## SLINGS

- ◇ Slings must be secured through commercial sources.

## DISPOSITION OF DONATED RIFLES

- ◇ It is against the law to sell or trade these weapons.
- ◇ If for any reason it becomes necessary for the post or department to dispose of loaned rifles, disposition instructions must be requested from TACOM.
- ◇ Along with the disposition instructions, TACOM will provide a shipping document number.
- ◇ The rifles must be returned to Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Alabama.
- ◇ Shipping costs for their return must be paid by the post or department returning the rifles.

## DAMAGED OR UNSERVICEABLE

- ◇ If rifles are no longer functioning, per paragraph 8 of the Conditional Deed issuing the weapons, the post or department is required to have a licensed gun dealer certify the serviceability of each weapon in question. (Including repair costs.)
- ◇ This is sent to TACOM and a determination will be made if the cost to repair exceeds the cost of shipping them to Anniston Army Depot, the Post will be provided authorization to return for replacements.