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## Section Q. Weapons

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**Introduction** Weapons are defined as any type of sword, bayonet, firearm, or any related law enforcement equipment (e.g., pepper spray, handcuffs, taser).

**Q.1. Weapons Carriage** Weapons, except those worn by certified law enforcement officers in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations and required by their agency policy, may not be worn, carried, or held by any Auxiliarist or guest of the Auxiliary while attending an approved Auxiliary function or participating in an authorized Auxiliary activity, including regularly scheduled detachment, flotilla, or division meetings. This prohibition extends to those who have concealed weapons permits and those who may otherwise be authorized, but not required to wear weapons when not performing law enforcement duties (i.e., off-duty law enforcement officers). This prohibition also extends to periods immediately preceding and following Auxiliary functions (e.g., during fellowship periods).

Weapons are excluded at all times from Government facilities, buildings, property, and military installations. This means certified law enforcement officers who are required by their agency policy to carry a weapon(s) shall be subject to the policy of the facility they are entering and may be required to check the weapon(s) or be denied entry.

Weapons, except those worn by certified law enforcement officers in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations and required by their agency policy, may not be worn, carried, or held by any Auxiliarist or guest of the Auxiliary while aboard any Auxiliary surface, air, or mobile radio facility while under orders. This includes the exclusion of weapons even though they may be able to be locked up or secured on the facility. If a surface facility is an Auxiliarist's primary residence upon which a personal weapon(s) is normally secured and stored, then a request for waiver of this exclusion may be submitted to the Director.

**Q.2. Ceremonial Weapons** The above prohibitions do not apply to de-militarized ceremonial weapons that have been deliberately and completely rendered incapable of loading and firing and that are specifically intended just for ceremonial purposes. Auxiliarists may handle such weapons for their ceremonial purposes. However, Auxiliarists are specifically prohibited from handling and discharging any ceremonial firearms that are capable of being discharged.

Bayonets may not be fixed upon ceremonial weapons nor carried upon individuals handling such. Auxiliarists may not carry swords.

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