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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

FROM: 30 SW/CC

SUBJECT: Limited Permission for Peaceful Protest Activity

1. My interest in implementing this policy and the rules of peaceful protest is for the protection and security of the persons and property of the United States that are under my control, authority, and responsibility. Such protection includes ensuring adequate rules and procedures are in place to protect and secure such persons and property from attack from dangerous persons or threats. Allowing persons to gather on the property of a closed military installation requires adequate, and sometimes increased, vigilance to fulfill this responsibility and purpose.

2. Despite these concerns, I and previous Installation Commanders have granted limited permission for persons to gather and peacefully protest at the intersection of State Highway 1 and the Lompoc-Casmalia Road at the Santa Maria Gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). In order to peacefully protest, adequate notice must be provided and the activity must be coordinated through Public Affairs. This is necessary to ensure Security Forces and other base agencies have sufficient time to evaluate potential safety, security, and mission impact issues. The painted green line on the road surface at the intersection marks the boundaries for peaceful protests. Activities other than coordinated peaceful protests will not be permitted. No other boundaries, structures or equipment of any kind may be erected, constructed, or affixed, even temporarily, anywhere on VAFB property, including the area referenced.

3. As stated in the Closed Base Order, non-military and non-DoD personnel are prohibited from entering the installation without the express permission of the Installation Commander or his/her designee. This policy is an express permission for limited protest activity under the attached and referenced rules.

4. If, for any reason, I or any subsequent Installation Commander deem it necessary, such express permission may be withdrawn. The Installation Commander at all times has retained authority and control to determine to whom, and for what purpose, access to VAFB property is granted or authorized, including uses of easements for purposes other than use as highways.

5. Please address any questions or requests for deviations from this policy to my Public Affairs Office at (805) 606-3595.

KEITH W. BALTS, Colonel, USAF
Commander

2 Attachments:
1. Protest Activity on Vandenberg AFB Property
2. Closed Base Order