

Executive Order 2015-07

**AUTHORIZATION TO ARM DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA
NATIONAL GUARD**

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015, an act of terrorism directed at military personnel at the military recruitment and readiness centers in Chattanooga, Tennessee resulted in the deaths of four United States Marines and one Navy Petty Officer; and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple domestic instances of terrorist acts and intended acts against members of the U.S. Military, including but not limited to the 2009 attack at Fort Hood, Texas, against U.S. service members who were going through medical in-processing prior to overseas deployment, which resulted in 13 deaths and 32 people wounded; and

WHEREAS, in each of these cases, the perpetrator of the terrorist acts likely understood that his intended military victims were unarmed and therefore presented “soft targets;” and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the Arizona National Guard – Soldiers and Airmen who protect the residents of this State and the United States of America – are entitled to at least the same level of self-defense as other residents of this State; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 26-101(C) and 26-102(A) establish the Governor as the commander-in-chief of the military forces of the State, including the Arizona National Guard; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-102(D)(8) directs the Adjutant General of the Arizona National Guard, with the approval of the Governor, to adopt methods of security for the national guard reservations or facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby direct the Adjutant General of the Arizona National Guard as follows:

- A. Identify and arm of all appropriately trained National Guard personnel who he determines reasonably necessary, based upon their duty positions, responsibilities, or locations, to protect themselves and other persons from the threat of deadly physical force;
- B. Institute a policy and training requirements that permit National Guard personnel to carry personally owned handguns while on duty at a secured facility or military installation, in lieu of a government-issued handgun, as specified by the Adjutant General. This policy should allow National Guard personnel to carry these handguns on unsecured facilities while on duty if a government-issued handgun is not reasonably accessible.

- C. Consult with the Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety to review the security measures and protocols in place at Arizona National Guard facilities, including without limitation recruiting offices, and make any recommendations necessary to further protect Soldiers, Airmen, and the public against attacks on military personnel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty-Second day of July in the Year Two Thousand Fifteen and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State