

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CEREMONIAL RIFLE PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Under Title 10 United States Code 7683, which governs the Army Ceremonial Rifle Program, law enforcement agencies may qualify to conditionally receive the M-1 Garand rifle. If your organization meets the definition of a law enforcement agency, you may apply to receive United States Army rifles for ceremonial use.

- Definition of a Law Enforcement Agency

The application forms are listed below. The ranking official for the law enforcement agency (Police Chief/Sheriff/Superintendent) is required to sign the forms.

You are required to submit the forms in a hard copy format to the Army Donations Program Office. The forms must have an original signature and if required, a notary public endorsement.

- Qualification Checklist for Ceremonial Rifles Law Enforcement Agencies
- Certificate of Arms Storage
- Certificate of Compliance with 10 USC §7683
- Ceremonial Rifle Inventory Form (if applicable)
- Privacy Act Notice

Once the law enforcement agency qualifies and before weapons are conditionally issued, the following documentations is required:

- Conditional Deed of Gift. The deed is a contract between your organization and the Army, which outlines your responsibilities concerning the retention, maintenance, and conditions for the rifles. The ranking official is required to sign the deed, have it notarized and send the original to the Army Donations Program Office. The deed also is proof your organization is authorized as the custodian for the ceremonial use of the United States Army owned rifles. This document is required prior to the shipment of ceremonial rifles or prior to the issue of blank ammunition.
- Ceremonial Rifle Inventory Form. It is a requirement to record the model, manufacturer, and serial number of each weapon received within 30 days of receipt. This allows for an accurate record and catalog of the United States Army rifles in your possession. In the unlikely event of a theft or loss of a weapon, the inventory aids in the accurate reporting of the missing weapon(s) to the local law enforcement agency for investigation.

NOTE: It is a requirement to report the loss of any weapon to the appropriate local authorities and to the Army Donations Program Office within 24 hours of discovery.

The Ceremonial Rifle Inventory Form is also used as the required reporting document. The inventory confirms the membership of the organization has possession of the United States Army rifles, they wish to retain them, and they are properly caring for them. If at any time the organization wishes to return the rifles, the form may be used for that purpose. The form is due every three years based upon the agreement date of the Conditional Deed of Gift.

The Army Donations Program Office may require additional documentation to qualify the organization to receive or to retain United States Army rifles, which is determined on a case-by-case basis.