



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Letter, Family Advocacy Program

1. References:

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 Oct 2007.
- b. Memorandum, IMEU-MWD-A, Army in Europe Command Policy Letter 35, Family Advocacy Program, 21 August 2006.
- c. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, subject: Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse, 22 January 2006.

2. Purpose. To outline the USAG Schweinfurt policy to prevent Family violence.

3. Overview. This command is committed to the goal of maintaining a safe and secure environment for members of the USAG Schweinfurt community. Violence, in the form of domestic violence and child abuse, degrades the individuals involved and negatively impacts mission readiness.

- a. The foundation of the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is to improve readiness and retention. The four pillars to accomplish this objective are prevention, education, wellness and treatment through programs designed to stop Family violence.

- b. The chain of command shares specific responsibilities in dealing with Family violence. The safety, confidentiality and rights of victims and perpetrators are addressed IAW AR 608-18. If a Soldier is identified as the alleged offender, and the Soldier's commander has issued a Military Protective Order, the Soldier will automatically be removed from his/her residence for a minimum of 72 hours. The unit will contact the Garrison CSM to obtain approval for officers and senior NCOs to be housed in temporary billets on Conn Barracks. Soldiers E-1 through E-6 will be housed by their units, utilizing their designated transient rooms. It is highly recommended that the Soldier and spouse be assessed by Social Work Service (SWS) before returning to the residence. If a Soldier needs to be housed longer than 72 hours, the Soldier's commander must provide an explanation and a plan of action in writing to the Garrison CSM. In situations where there is no reconciliation planned, an Early Return of Dependents (EROD) recommendation should be initiated.

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c. A very important factor is to understand the programs designed for prevention and treatment outlined in AR 608-18. This highlights the requirement for mandatory FAP briefings for Commanders, Command Sergeants Major and First Sergeants. Commanders will also ensure the mandatory FAP Domestic Violence Prevention troop training occurs on an annual basis. Family members have access to these preventative services on a voluntary basis. Contact the FAP Support Specialist at DSN 354-6933 or CIV 09721-96-6933 to schedule briefings. I also encourage parents to voluntarily participate in the New Parent Support Program (NPSP) home visitations and in parenting classes, with an emphasis on the importance of the father's participation in the NPSP home visits. The NPSP office may be reached at DSN 354-6933 or CIV 09721-96-6933.

d. Commanders must attend Case Review Committee meetings involving their Soldiers so that they are aware of the treatment recommendations made by the committee. Should abuse occur, it is essential that treatment be immediate, uninterrupted and complete. As such, until a Soldier's mandated treatment is completed, the Soldier's place of duty will be at the scheduled appointments.

4. Implementation. I fully support the FAP and expect military leadership to do so as well. Commanders, I am passing you the baton to take charge and to do all that you can to stop Family violence in your units, and ensure that Soldiers and their Families get the help they need should the cycle of violence begin. My staff and I are available to assist you in this important role.

5. The point of contact for this memorandum is the FAP Manager at Army Community Service (ACS) at DSN 354-6933 or CIV 09721-96-6933.



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