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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG FHL Policy #9-3, Army Family Advocacy Program

1. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program.
- b. DODD 6400.1, Family Advocacy Program.

2. PURPOSE. To provide guidance concerning the Army FAP at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett (USAG FHL).

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all personnel, their Family Members and intimate partners assigned to USAG FHL sites.

4. POLICY.

a. Family violence, which includes both child and spouse abuse, has an adverse impact on morale and readiness. Because of this impact, commanders are the responsible individuals to take immediate steps to alleviate Family violence. The objective of the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is to improve readiness and retention. The four pillars to accomplish this are prevention, education, wellness, and treatment through programs designed to help stop Family violence.

b. Commanders must be aware of the causes of Family violence and continue efforts to maintain a proper command climate, an awareness of Soldiers' Family responsibilities, and be sensitive to symptoms of abuse. If spouse or child abuse occurs, appropriate action must be taken to protect abuse victims from further harm. The safety, confidentiality, and rights of victims and offenders will be addressed IAW Army Regulation (AR) 608-18. The placement of victims in shelters or child protective custody, as well as the removal of offenders will be addressed IAW 608-18. AR 608-18, The Family Advocacy Program, chapter 3, section IV, describes measures that a commander can initiate, such as pretrial restraint, restriction to barracks, and removal from government quarters. Coordination with the Army Community Service (ACS), FAP, or the California Medical Detachment, Presidio of Monterey (POM) Social Work Service (SWS), will determine when it is safe to lift any restrictions essential to ensure victims are protected from further abuse.

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c. Army Regulation 608-18 encourages every Soldier and Civilian member of the military (mandated personnel) to report information about known or suspected cases of child or spouse abuse occurring on post to the Installation Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC) for the Fort Hunter Liggett Police Department is 831-386-2526 and the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Police Department is 925-875-7420. All off-post reports must be made to Civilian authorities for San Luis Obispo County 800-834-5437, Monterey County 800-606-6618, Alameda County 510-667-7721, and Contra Costa County 925-335-1500 when children are involved. All reports are investigated as soon as possible. Commanders will be notified within 24 hours regarding situations involving suspected spouse and child abuse. The California Department of Child Protective Services will be notified of cases involving child abuse or neglect.

d. Commanders can coordinate with the ACS, FAP Manager (FAPM) to ensure annual training, as mandated by AR 608-18, paragraph 3-2c, is provided to Soldiers on the Family dynamics of spouse and child abuse, availability of prevention and treatment services, and the Army's policies regarding Family violence. Training may be scheduled by calling 831-386-2378.

e. The Army Family Advocacy Program Commander's Desk Guide is a tool for commanders and first sergeants to use when working with Soldiers and Families. The guide is an overview of the FAP and provides clear and specific suggestions for meeting your responsibilities to prevent Family violence. The FAPM is the point of contact (POC) for the guide.

f. Members of the Case Review Committee (CRC), a multidisciplinary team composed of personnel from the California Medical Detachment, POM SWS, Directorate of Emergency Services, Staff Judge Advocate, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Chaplain's Office, and FAPM, review all abuse cases. The CRC is not an investigative body. Its purpose is to review information obtained by other agencies and provide adequate treatment services. Soldiers must be referred to the FAP when child or spouse abuse is suspected. If the CRC determines that the abuse or neglect allegation is founded, it is the commander's responsibility, under AR 608-18, to ensure that sponsors receive counseling and referral assistance as recommended by the CRC.

g. Because of the sensitivity and potential lethality of these cases, it is essential that treatment is immediate, uninterrupted, and completed. Until a Soldier's mandated treatment is completed, their place of duty will be at all scheduled appointments. Soldiers should not be considered deployable while in a treatment status; this is in the best interest of the Soldier, the Family, and the command. It is important that company commanders attend the CRC meeting when one of their Soldier or Family Member's case is being presented. Commanders know the Soldier best; therefore, their input is

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critical in determining the outcome of the case. The CRC meetings are chaired by the Chief, SWS, and dialogue is encouraged with him/her in questionable cases. If the commander feels that the Soldier cannot be rehabilitated, the Soldier should be processed for elimination from service.

h. Safety: The FAP promotes safety by educating the community on prevention of abuse. A community that is knowledgeable about the dynamics of violence fosters a healthy community. Participation in FAP community activities contributes to the safety of its residents.

i. Adult victims of domestic violence who have attained the age of eighteen, or are married, have the option of making either an "unrestricted" or a "restricted" report. A "restricted report" allows a victim to confidentially disclose the details of their abuse to specified individuals without initiating the investigative process or command notification. Victims who want to file a "restricted report" should contact the FAPM at (831) 386-2378.

j. We must actively work toward eliminating domestic violence and child abuse and getting Soldiers and Families the help they need. By strictly adhering to regulatory policy and creating an environment in which everyone is respected, the FAP, in cooperation with commanders, can help to ensure a safe USAG FHL community for all.

5. PROPONENT. The DFMWR is the Proponent for this policy. POC is the FAPM at (831) 386-2378 or DSN 686-2378.


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