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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Reporting Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Incidents by Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers

1. Reference memorandum, HQ DA, 5 Dec 01, SAB.
2. The Department of Defense and Congressional officials continue to recognize domestic violence as a serious problem within the military community. In recent years, there has been a decline in reporting incidents of domestic violence. The Department of the Army presumes the reduction in reporting may be attributed to underreporting by commanders and senior noncommissioned officers in fear of an adverse impact on the career progression of servicemembers. Both the Army Surgeon General and a Cornell University FAP Case Review Committee Practice and Procedure study have raised recent evidence of this dilemma.
3. The Department of the Army expects commanders and senior noncommissioned officers at all levels to ensure all suspected or known incidents of domestic violence are reported; otherwise, families are placed at risk for danger. AR 608-18, para 1-7 (4) mandate unit commanders report known and suspected cases of domestic violence to the installation Reporting Point of Contact. Installation FAP managers are available to provide training to commanders and senior noncommissioned officers on regulatory guidance in accordance with AR 608-18.
4. HQ USAREUR/7A ODCSPIM fully supports the Department of the Army's policy guidance instruction and expects installation FAP Managers to disseminate the Vice Chief's of Staff directive to commanders and senior noncommissioned officers in their communities.
5. The HQ USAREUR/7A point of contact is Mildred Skidmore, DSN 370-8916, email: skidmorem@hq.hqusareur.army.mil.

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1. Domestic violence continues to be a serious concern to the Department of Defense and Congress. For the past several years FAP has experienced a noticeable decline in incidence reporting. We believe this reduction may be partly attributed to fears of an adverse impact on career progression and underreporting by Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers. The Army Surgeon General and a recent Cornell University FAP Case Review Committee Practices and Procedures Study have raised evidence of this problem.

2. Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers at all levels are key in ensuring that incidents of domestic violence are reported lest we put families and soldiers in danger. In accordance with AR 608-18, para 1-7(4) unit commanders will report suspected spouse and child abuse to the Reporting Point of Contact on the installation and provide relevant information to those investigating the report. Installation FAP managers are available to provide regulatory training and guidance to commanders in accordance with AR 608-18.

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