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ATTENTION OF

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US ARMY COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL D. A. McWILLIAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT, US ARMY EUROPE AND SEVENTH ARMY, UNIT 29351, APO AE 09014

SUBJECT: Army Community Service Accreditation Exception to Policy

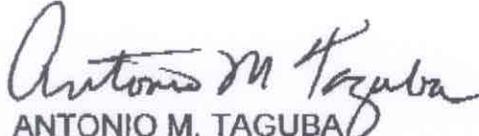
1. Reference AEAGA-G memorandum, dated 20 May 2002, subject as above.
2. The US Army Community and Family Support Center (USACFSC) will not grant a blanket exception to policy from compliance with Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) accreditation standard 50000.2 (Community Recreation Facilities). The Public Law, Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards and AR 420-70 (Buildings and Structures) have required existing facilities to provide accessibility when altered since the passage of the law in 1968. Few (if any) of the facilities have not been altered over time by Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization projects.
3. The Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Board of Directors approved the accreditation standards as part of the Army's commitment to provide high quality services to soldiers, civilian employees and their families. We understand the difficulty installations have in meeting Standard 50000.2. We have been working with the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (OACSIM) to address future requirements. An inspection system while noting compliance also is an effective tool to highlight areas requiring correction.
4. Request you provide a detailed plan on how US Army Europe and Seventh Army intends to meet Public Law requirements for accessibility. This plan will apply primarily to existing facilities. AR 608-75 (EFMP) (paragraphs 1-9 and 1-37) addresses facility accessibility as does ISR 1. The OACSIM representative is available to work with major Army commands to identify requirements for facility accessibility.
5. We have implemented a number of actions to help local installations within the constraints of the Public Law without violating the law's intent. We have reviewed the list of community recreation facilities and reduced the number from twenty to twelve for specific review through Army Community Service accreditation. The accreditation process allows local commanders to present a corrective action plan to address a deficiency. We have agreed that if only one item is outstanding at the out-brief, the team chief makes a determination of whether an on-site return visit is required or supporting documentation will suffice. Since corrective actions will vary, most are handled based on the item required to be addressed. Some facility requirements may

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take longer than others to complete. For example, the installation of an elevator will take longer than the installation of a ramp. We will evaluate and coordinate corrective action plans with the appropriate offices.

6. The USACFSC point of contact is Ms. Shirley Brown, DSN 761-7391.


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