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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the United States Army Garrison (USAG)
Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: USAG Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter #6, Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. References:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, The Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007 (RAR 13 September 2011).

b. Department Of Defense (DOD) Directive 6400.1, Family Advocacy Program, 23 August 2004.

c. AR 608-1, Army Community Service Center, 19 September 2007 (RAR 13 March 2013).

d. Army in Europe Child Supervision Policy, 13 January 2016.

2. Purpose: Identify the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and commander's responsibilities and establish guidance for the prevention of Family violence.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military personnel, Department of Defense/Army Civilians, Contractors and Family members in the Wiesbaden military community.

4. Policy:

a. The Family Advocacy Program mission is to prevent and reduce child abuse, child neglect, and spouse/intimate partner abuse. An essential aspect of the FAP mission is to promote strong, resilient Soldiers and Families by establishing information and educational programs and supportive services. The FAP mission also includes ensuring prompt reporting, assessment and investigation of incidents of abuse, while providing treatment to all affected Family members.

b. Family violence is contrary to Army values and threatens the safety and welfare of our military Families and communities. Family violence also undermines unit cohesion, morale, and readiness. Preventing Family violence is a command priority and responsibility. Family violence includes child abuse, child neglect and spouse abuse/intimate partner violence (IPV).

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c. All tenant commands, agencies, and activities are required to comply with the provisions of AR 608-18 Family Advocacy Program, and adhere to the guidance stated in this memorandum. Commanders are responsible for taking immediate steps to alleviate Family violence. Commanders are required to promptly report all incidents of child abuse, child neglect, spouse abuse/intimate partner violence, to the USAG Wiesbaden Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC), the Military Police, at DSN: 548-7777, COM: 0611-143-548-7777. Commanders are expected to provide command representation at Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings and support CRC treatment recommendations, to include providing Soldiers the time necessary for completing treatment recommendations made by the CRC.

d. AR 608-18 also stipulates mandatory FAP briefings for all commanders and senior enlisted advisors within 45 days after appointment to a command position and annual training thereafter. In addition to this requirement, all company and unit commanders are responsible for scheduling annual FAP troop training on Family violence prevention and awareness, the availability of prevention and treatment services, and other services that are available. All Soldiers are to attend this training annually. Civilians are encouraged to attend but their attendance is not required.

e. Victims of domestic violence (DV) and child abuse have a right to receive counseling, treatment, legal information, safety planning and information and referrals by contacting the FAP Victim Advocates (FAPVA), the FAP Manager (FAPM), and the FAP-Clinical. Support for victims is available through the FAPVA program, DSN: 548-9201, COM: 0611-143-548-9201. Victims have the right to file a restricted report for domestic violence by contacting USAG Wiesbaden health care providers, FAP-Clinical, FAPVA, FAPM or chaplains. A FAPVA is on call 24/7 on the FAP domestic violence (DV) hotline 0162-297-5625. An unrestricted report for domestic violence initiates the investigative and legal process and command involvement. Legal assistance is available through the USAG Wiesbaden legal assistance office at DSN 537-0664, COM: 0611-143-548-0664. In all cases of domestic violence, the applicable rights of both victims and offenders will be observed at all times.

f. Commanders should be aware of the Transitional Compensation Program. This program authorizes transitional compensation payments for dependents of Soldiers when a Soldier has been administratively discharged from service, or has been discharged from service and/or forfeited all pay and allowances by court-martial for dependent abuse.

g. Commanders should also be aware of the New Parent Support Program - Home Visitation (NPSP-HV). NPSP-HV provides supports to Families through a comprehensive combination of services before and after a child's birth to include: home visits, parent education, parent/child bonding and playtime, child development, and

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information and referral. NPSP – HV is an important voluntary program that is designed to increase parental skills and reduce incidents of child abuse. Both mothers and fathers are encouraged to participate in the NPSP- HV. Expectant parents or those with a child in the home under age 4 are eligible for these services.

h. Commanders and senior leaders should be aware of the Army in Europe Child Supervision Guidance, referenced above, which outlines the level of supervision needed for children. Copies of the guidelines are provided to in-processing Soldiers and during command briefs. The guidelines are posted on the garrison website.

i. Taking care of Families is essential to promoting command readiness and Family well-being. It is imperative that the USAG Wiesbaden community work together in order to prevent Family violence. We can enhance the lives of Army Families by working together.

j. FAP offers multiple classes and groups addressing relationship issues, parenting, stress and anger management, and support networks. Please contact FAP staff at DSN 548-9201, COM: 0611-143-548-9201 to schedule FAP briefings and trainings.

5. The Point of contact for this action is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at DSN: 548-9201, COM: 0611-143-548-9201.



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