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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMSI-ES

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Prevention of Sexual Assault and Treatment of Victims, CG Policy Memo 12-12

1. References. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy 4 August 2011.

2. Policy. Sexual assaults are criminal acts that are utterly incompatible with the Army Core Values. The intent of this policy is to ensure awareness of the Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) program including bystander intervention, prevention, 24 hour victim advocacy, and support.

3. Procedures. Commanders and leaders at all levels must remain proactive in preventing and responding to offenses of a sexual nature. Commanders will support annual command inspections, ensure all mandatory training requirements are met and place required resources in the unit through the full support of the Family Advocacy Program and the SHARP program. The chain of command will provide a safe and secure environment for the victim, ensure the victim receives sensitive care and support, ensure emotional security and medical treatment needs are met, ensure access to a Victim Advocate (VA)/SHARP Specialist is provided, and protect the rights of the victim as well as the accused. Commanders will report all unrestricted instances of sexual assault to their higher headquarters, the Military Police, the Staff Judge Advocate and the Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)/SHARP Specialist.

4. Effective prevention and response to cases of sexual assault requires a coordinated effort by commanders, law enforcement, the Criminal Investigation Division, medical personnel, Soldiers, and other civilian and military agencies. Soldier victims of sexual assault have the option of making a Restricted Report to the SARC/SHARP/VA, a chaplain, or medical health professionals at Reynolds Army Hospital. Military Family members over the age of 18 have the option of Restricted Reporting when the assault is perpetrated by someone other than spouse or intimate partner. All victims of sexual assault have the option to receive advocacy services 24 hours per day, via the domestic and sexual abuse hotline for Fort Sill, 580-574-0871.

5. This CG Policy Memorandum supersedes CG Policy Memorandum, IMWE-SIL-ES, 5 February 2009, subject: Prevention of Sexual Assault and Treatment of Victims, CG Policy Memo 09-7.

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6. Point of contact is the Equal Opportunity/SHARP Office, 442-6968/4108, Building 4700, 4th floor. Office hours are 0900-1700.

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