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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: Prevention and Treatment of Domestic and Child Abuse, CG Policy Memo 12-17

1. References.

a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 30 October 2007.

b. Fort Sill Regulation 608-4, Family Advocacy program, 1 December 2008

2. Policy. I am committed to the Army's policy promoting the prevention and treatment of domestic and child abuse, reporting options for adult victims of abuse, and holding offenders who commit these acts accountable. Domestic and child abuse are completely incompatible with the Army Core Values. The intent of this policy is to ensure awareness of the Family Advocacy Program, including prevention, advocacy, and treatment support.

3. Procedures. Commanders and leaders at all levels remain proactive in preventing the responding to offenses involving interpersonal abuse. Family Violence is not just a Family matter, but affects our community through costs associated with accountability, treatment and a reduction in readiness. Commanders ensure all mandatory training requirements outlined in AR 608-18 are met through unit attendance at the monthly FAP education sessions for troops and senior leaders at the Graham Resiliency Training Campus. Commanders notify the Military Police and consult with the Family Advocacy Program Manager, Chief of Social Work Services, and the Staff Judge Advocate on all known and suspected cases of domestic and child abuse.

4. Effective prevention goes beyond minimum annual requirements, is skills building in nature, and comes from a strengths based approach. Commanders ensure unit prevention plans are written and resourced through FAP Prevention and utilize the Installation Preventive Education Plan vetted through the Family Advocacy Committee as chaired by the Garrison Commander. Effective prevention of family violence takes a multi pronged approach and targets all members of the family. As such Soldiers, whether they are Mothers or Fathers, will attend prevention sessions with their children whenever offered.

5. Effective intervention and response to cases of domestic and child abuse requires a coordinated community effort by commanders, law enforcement, the Criminal

Investigations Division, the FAP, medical personnel, and other civilian and military agencies. Adult victims of domestic abuse have the option of making a Restricted Report and receiving advocacy services 24 hours a day, via the domestic and sexual abuse hotline for Fort Sill, 574-0871.

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6. This CG Policy memorandum supersedes CG Policy Memorandum, IMWE-SIL-MW, 26 August 2009, Subject: Prevention and Treatment of Domestic and Child Abuse, CG policy Memo 09-8.

7. Point of contact for FAP Prevention is Army Community Service, 442-6801, Building 4700. Point of contact for FAP Treatment is Social Work Services, 442-2836, Building 2913. Office Hours are 0730-1600.

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