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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG Grafenwoehr Policy Letter #26; Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

- 1. Effective Date. This policy letter remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.
- 2. <u>Scope.</u> This memorandum outlines the Grafenwoehr Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and mandates commander's FAP responsibilities.

3. References.

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program.
- b. Memorandum, IMEU-MWD-A, 21 August 2006, Army in Europe Command Policy Letter 35, Family Advocacy Program.
- c. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 22 January 2006, subject: Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse.
- 4. <u>Policy.</u> The FAP is a partnership with command and community for the prevention of child and spouse abuse. The FAP components are:
- a. Victim Safety: By AR 608-18, all commanders are mandated child abuse and domestic violence reporters. Commanders must immediately report known and suspected child and spouse abuse to the 24-hour Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC). In the European region and USAG Grafenwoehr, the 24-hour RPOC is the Military Police. A safety plan is coordinated with the victim and helping parties. A victim advocate is additionally on call 24-7 within USAG Grafenwoehr to provide support to victims of spouse abuse utilizing provisions of reference 2c which may permit an adult victim of abuse to choose a restricted reporting option (if NOT reported to command/law enforcement).
 - b. Reporting and Notification Procedures.
- (1) Restricted Report: An option available to a victim of domestic violence who chooses to disclose the details of his or her abuse to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and victim advocacy services without initiating a report to the alleged offender's commander or law enforcement. Limitations apply to include report limitation to an adult victim who has attained the age of 18 or is married. For further guidance refer to Deputy

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Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse", 22 January 2006.

- (2) Unrestricted Report: An option available to a victim of domestic violence who chooses to pursue an official investigation of an incident utilizing current reporting channels to include the alleged offender's commander, law enforcement, and the FAP. In addition to an official investigation, medical treatment, victim advocacy, and legal services are offered. For further guidance refer to Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse", 22 January 2006.
- b. Command supported: All commanders are required to receive a mandatory FAP briefing within 90 days before or after assumption of command. Additionally, FAP is required to provide an annual education brief for all Soldiers related to the dynamics of spouse and child abuse and the availability of prevention and treatment services. Contact the FAP Manager at Army Community Service (ACS) at DSN 476-2650/2733 to coordinate training.
- c. Accountability: Intervention is most effective when Soldiers and Families are committed to participating in evaluation and treatment. Each commander's responsibility in the intervention process includes attending Case Review Committees (CRCs), safety plan implementation, and providing Soldiers the time necessary for completing treatment recommendations made by the CRC.
- 5. Resources. FAP and ACS provide the following resources to assist commanders:
- a. New Parent Support Program (NPSP) for expecting parents and Families with children three and under. The service member is strongly encouraged to participate in this program with their spouse. Contact NPSP at ACS at DSN 476-2650/2733.
- b. Several services are available to help service members and spouses to address marriage and relationship issues, stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss, and daily life issues. Two Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) are available at ACS; call DSN 476-2650/2733 to be confidentially connected. The Family Life Chaplain (FLC), Chaplain Darrin Nielsen, is available by appointment at DSN 476-3276. One Family therapist is available at Social Work Services (SWS); call DSN 476-2100 for an appointment.
- c. Financial Readiness Program (FRP) provides classes and individual counseling for all finance-related issues. Contact FRP Manager at ACS, 476-2650/2733.

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6. <u>Point of Contact.</u> The point of contact for this memorandum is the FAP Manager at Army Community Services, 476-2650/2733.

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