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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade Voting Assistance Policy #75

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 608-20, Army Voting Assistance Program, 28 Oct 04.
- b. Department of Defense Directive 1000.04, Federal Voting Assistance Program, 14 Apr 04, certified current as of 23 Apr 07.
- c. Department of Defense Directive 1344.13, Implementation of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), 16 Nov 94, certified current as of 21 Nov 03.
- d. National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2010 (NDAA).
- e. 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff (1986), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).
- f. Memorandum, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), 19 Sep 07, subject: Guidance on Implementing Voting Assistance Programs.
- g. 2012 Army Voting Assistance Program (AVAP) Instructions

2. Voting is an important part of the American way of life, and I encourage every Service Member to exercise the rights afforded by our Constitution. We, in uniform, understand the sacrifices required to keep our country free. Let's all do our part in upholding the freedoms we all cherish.

3. This memorandum outlines my intent for the Fort George G. Meade Voting Assistance Program (VAP). This program ensures compliance with the Department of Defense Voting Plan and implements the VAP in this command. The purpose of the VAP is to help Service Members and other eligible individuals register to vote and cast their ballots according to applicable statutes and regulations. The guidance provided by the references must be strictly observed to ensure compliance. Servicing Staff Judge Advocate offices and the Installation Senior Voting Assistance Officer (SVAO) can provide assistance in helping commanders apply this guidance while implementing VAPs within their commands.

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4. There are two basic missions associated with the VAP:

a. The first mission and primary focus of the program is the traditional voting assistance provided to Service Members, DoD civilians and Contractors CONUS and OCONUS, and their eligible Family members. Individual voting assistance consists of unit Voting Assistance Officers (VAO) providing technical guidance. Further assistance may be obtained by using the Installation chain of command.

b. The second mission is to educate every Service Member about the importance of voting and the opportunities they have to participate in the voting process.

5. Direct command involvement is required in order to meet these mission objectives and to ensure they are accomplished within the limits of law and policy.

6. The goal of the VAP is to ensure all Military personnel, DoD civilians, Contractors, and their eligible Family members are provided information on registering to vote and are given the opportunity to exercise this right. Captain David Blumenthal, USAR, Directorate of Human Resources, is hereby designated as the command Installation VAO, and the Senior Voting Assistance Officer (SVAO), leading implementation of this program.

7. The success of this policy is everyone's responsibility. We must make every effort to educate all eligible voters on where and how to cast a ballot in the upcoming elections. Our effectiveness and success depends on adequate training, publicity, planning, preparation, and concerned leaders taking complete ownership of their VAPs.

8. For additional information and assistance, please contact Captain Blumenthal, (301) 788-1967, or email: david.blumenthal@us.army.mil.


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