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SUBJECT: Fort Hood Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-20 Rapid Action Revision (RAR), 27 Apr 10, Army Command Policy, Chapter 8, SAPR Program.
- b. Department of Defense Directive, 6495.02, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Procedures, 23 Jun 06.
- 2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Fort Hood units and tenant activities, regardless of locations, for all active duty military personnel. This policy applies to military personnel on and off post, during duty and non-duty hours and to work, living, and recreational environments.
- 3. POLICY. The SAPR Program is a command program designed to eliminate incidents of sexual assault. The SAPR Program centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and follow-up. Fort Hood policy requires every Soldier who is aware of a sexual assault immediately (within 24 hours) report the incident to the Installation Sexual Assault Hotline, (254) 702-4953, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- a. Sexual assault is a criminal offense that degrades mission readiness and devastates the installation's ability to work effectively as a team. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army Values and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The command will recognize that victims of sexual assault have the right to be treated with fairness, respect, dignity, and privacy. Victims have the right to be reasonably protected from the offender, provided victim-witness and advocacy services, notified of court proceedings, provided a confidential avenue for reporting incidents, and offered medical treatment and counseling.
- b. Leaders at every level will create and promote a positive command climate in which victims feel comfortable and confident in utilizing restricted or unrestricted reporting options. Victim services are available by contacting the Installation Sexual Assault Hotline, (254) 702-4953.

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- c. Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers (NCO) will ensure receipt of SAPR Program briefing within 45 days of assumption of command. Commanders and leaders will ensure that Soldiers receive SAPR Program training and that Soldiers are aware of sexual assault reporting options: restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reports may be provided to an Installation Victim Advocate, Unit Victim Advocate (UVA), the Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Chaplain, and/or health care providers. The Installation SAPR Program Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) provides policies and procedures that outline SARC and Victim Advocate responsibilities in handling/managing sexual assault incidents.
- d. Unrestricted sexual assault reports will be thoroughly investigated by Criminal Investigation Division (CID) or law enforcement, and offenders will be held accountable. Commanders will treat every reported sexual assault incident seriously. The information and circumstances of the allegations will be disclosed on a need to know basis only.
- e. Commanders will ensure that Deployable Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (DSARC), Soldiers appointed on orders assigned at brigade/unit of action and higher levels of command (division, corps), are designated and trained to assume the duties of the SARC during deployments. The DSARC will be an NCO in the grade of E-7 or higher or an officer in the grade of O-4/CW3 or higher. They will be prepared to assume the executive agent role for coordinating sexual assault response at a level commensurate with the level of command to which they are assigned. Commanders will ensure that the DSARC is engaged in the management of sexual assault incidents; provides oversight for assigned UVA staff and provides prevention training while in garrison. Commanders will ensure that a DSARC is assigned to each brigade.
- f. Commanders will appoint on orders two UVAs per battalion level and equivalent unit. Commanders will select qualified officers (O-2/CW2 or higher), NCOs (E-6 or higher) for duty as UVAs. Selection for UVAs will be conducted in accordance with criteria outlined in AR 600-20, Chapter 8, paragraph 8-6. Commanders may appoint more than the prescribed number of UVAs if necessary for very large battalion/units whose geographical dispersion warrants. The UVA will be trained to perform collateral duties in support of victims of sexual assault, particularly in deployed environments. Commanders will ensure that UVAs are engaged in the management of sexual assault incidents and provide prevention training while serving in garrison.
- g. Rear Detachment Commanders will ensure that a DSARC is assigned for the command and one UVA is assigned for every 350 Soldiers.

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4. EXPIRATION. This Command Policy Memorandum supersedes the 2 Nov 09 policy and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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