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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders of USAREUR Major Subordinate and Specialized Commands and United States Army Garrisons

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Responsibilities

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. Sexual assault is incompatible with the core Army Values. Sexual assault breaks the bond of trust among Soldiers essential to our mission and team. Additionally, sexual assault is a criminal offense that degrades mission readiness by harming the victim and the unit's ability to work effectively as a team. Allowing any kind of Sexual Assault in our ranks is incompatible with who we are as a profession.
2. Commanders must create a climate that eliminates sexual assault. Additionally, Commanders and leaders must support and encourage victims to report incidents of sexual assault. Finally, Commanders must ensure perpetrators of sexual assault crimes are held accountable for their actions.
3. Commanders at all levels must be aware of their roles and responsibilities for responding to victims of sexual assault as prescribed by AR 600-20, chapter 8 and appendix G. Among the responsibilities prescribed by AR 600-20 is the requirement for commanders to update victims on the status of their case within 14 calendar days after the date of the initial report and each month thereafter until final disposition of the case. This is a Commander's responsibility and a victim's right, and may not be waived or delegated.
4. Ensure this guidance is distributed to all subordinate Commanders.


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