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SUBJECT: Garrison Policy Letter #10 - Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. References:

a. AR 608-18 (The Family Advocacy Program), Rapid Action Revision (RAR) Issue Date: 13 Sep 11.

b. DODI 6400.01 (Family Advocacy Program), 13 Feb 15.

2. This policy applies at all times and in all locations to all service members assigned to, attached to, or performing duties in units or activities assigned, attached, stationed, based, or otherwise located on the Fort Bragg military installation.

3. Partner/domestic violence is punishable under the United States Code, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and state law. Domestic violence (DV) involves the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or violence against a person who is a current or former spouse, a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common, or a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile for at least 30 days. Child abuse is the physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, or negligent treatment of a child. Child abuse does not include discipline administered by a parent or legal guardian to his/her child, provided it is reasonable in manner, moderate in degree and does not otherwise constitute cruelty. It is essential that the rights of both victims and offenders are respected to the fullest extent at all times. The Family Advocacy Program is available at all times to guide commanders in responding to incidents of Family violence.

4. Army Regulation 608-18 encourages every service member and Civilian in the military community to report information about known or suspected incidents of child and domestic abuse to the installation Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC), at (910) 396-0391 (Military Police). The RPOC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mandated personnel will report suspected child and domestic abuse to the RPOC and all abuse allegations will be investigated by appropriate law enforcement authorities. Commanders will be notified when their service members are involved in spouse abuse, child abuse, or child neglect.

5. Commanders must respond quickly and appropriately to suspicion or knowledge of any Family violence situation, hold offenders accountable, and assist victims using the full spectrum of available legal and social services. Commander involvement is the key to successfully addressing this problem.

6. There are numerous support services available, including the FAP; Chaplain Services; Military Family Life Counselors; Military One Source; the Fort Bragg Victim Advocates who staff

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a 24 hour hotline at (910) 322-3418; and local civilian services to provide support for couples and parents experiencing problems. It is essential for leaders to help service members find help as early as possible. Particular attention should be paid to involving new parents, especially fathers, in parenting and New Parent Support Program services; to encourage new couples to seek out the variety of couples communication workshops in the community; and inform potential abuse victims about how to seek help via restricted or unrestricted reporting.

7. Commanders will help prevent repeat instances of DV within the unit by enforcing strict consequences, ensuring all commanders and their senior non-commissioned officers attend a FAP brief within 45 days (annually thereafter), scheduling at least annual FAP unit briefs, and reinforcing a "no abuse" policy at every opportunity. The Army Community Service FAP can provide these and other training sessions to units with as little as 60 minutes notice by calling (910) 396-5521.

8. Commanders and/or First Sergeants are required to attend the Case Review Committee presentation of any of their service members reported for alleged Family violence to ensure information is correct and to be made aware of treatment recommendations for the Family or couple. These meetings take place at Family Member Behavioral Health, located at Womack Health and Support Center, Building 4-3219, Womack Army Medical Center, (910) 907-7869.

9. Point of contact for this policy is the FAP Manager, (910) 907-3491.



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