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MEMORANDUM FOR Military Personnel, Civilian Personnel, Family Members and Local Nationals Assigned and Attached to United States Army Garrison (USAG) Ansbach

SUBJECT: USAG Ansbach Command Policy Letter #7 - Suicide Prevention

1. References:

- a. AR 600-92 (Army Suicide Prevention Program), 8 August 2023
- b. AR 600-85 (The Army Substance Abuse Program), Revised 15 May 2023

2. Purpose: To define and publish policies and procedures for suicide prevention actions to reduce risk and return at risk individuals to duty.

3. Policy.

a. Commanders/Directors will emphasize suicide prevention and awareness training to ensure all military and civilian personnel receive the training annually. Suicide prevention training will be integrated as part of in and out processing. Family Members will be encouraged to attend similar training.

b. Advise the Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator (SPPC) and Suicide Prevention Working Group (SPWG) regarding suicide risk related to domestic abuse and child abuse. Support policy, initiatives, and strategies that integrate FAP prevention education and Family Readiness services with suicide prevention programming, as needed, to implement evidence-based or informed approaches to mitigate shared risk factors and leverage shared protective factors.

c. Inform Soldiers through the Casualty Assistance Office on requirement to report their dependents suicide deaths to nearest installation DEERS office within 30 days of receiving death certificate.

d. Appoint on orders personnel to serve as the DoD Suicide Event Report (SER) POC for at least one year. The DoDSER POC will complete required training and submit record to the HQ IMCOM SPPC within 30 days of appointment.

e. Ensure the installation SPPC executes responsibilities.

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f. The USAG Ansbach Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) Suicide Prevention Program (SPP) will assist commanders in training uniformed Military Personnel, Civilians and Family members.

g. Commanders, senior enlisted leaders and directors at all levels will eliminate any action that inadvertently discriminates, punishes, or discourages any Soldier, Department of the Army Civilian (DAC), Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employee and Local National from seeking out or receiving professional counseling. Members of this command, uniformed or not, will not be shamed, stigmatized or ostracized for seeking/receiving professional services.

h. Commanders are encouraged to be proactive in preventing suicide by conducting a Unit Risk Inventory (URI) Survey. The URI is an opportunity for service members to give an honest and anonymous assessment of their well-being and offers commanders the ability to gauge unit readiness and resilience. The URI is an anonymous questionnaire that screens for high-risk behaviors and attitudes (which includes alcohol and drug abuse, financial, and suicide) within the units that could affect unit readiness. Commanders can contact the ASAP Risk Reduction Program Coordinator (RRPC) for more information at DSN: 314-467-3342.

i. Commanders will establish unit watch policies and procedures for uniformed members who are deemed at risk for suicide by Behavioral Health professionals. The unit watch policy will incorporate a 24-hour watch, battle buddy designation, a weapons profile, and restricted access to Government issued weapons.

j. Commanders and supervisors will ensure that the gatekeeper training, Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI) skills training is provided to primary and secondary gatekeepers, junior leaders and first-line supervisors. The ACE-SI training is meant to reinforce key suicide intervention concepts in Army leaders who hold positions of trust in order to encourage subordinate trust and help-seeking behavior. It assists leaders in identifying Soldiers and Civilians at risk for suicide so they can intervene and connect them to the appropriate resources.

k. The Garrison Religious Services Office (RSO) will ensure Garrison Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants are prepared to conduct the ACE-SI training workshops.

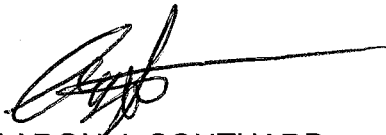
l. The ASAP SPPC will oversee all Suicide Prevention and Intervention training (ACE-SI), and advise the commander if training is not conducted as specified IAW AR 600-92.

m. The Suicide Response Team (SRT) will convene within 48 hours after an attempted or completed suicide to support Unit Commanders. The SRT will also institute procedures within the affected unit to facilitate the identification, evaluation and medical evacuation of Service Members at an increased risk of suicide IAW AR 600-92.

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4. The POC for this policy is the USAG Ansbach SPPC at DSN 314-587-1817.

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