

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON ANSBACH UNIT 28614 APO AE 09177

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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: Command Policy Letter #13 - Operations Security (OPSEC)

1. Reference AR 530-1 (Operations Security), 26 September 2014.

2. Operations Security is defined as a process of identifying critical information and subsequently analyzing friendly actions attendant to military operations and other activities, to identify those actions that can be observed by adversary intelligence systems, to determine indicators that hostile intelligence systems might obtain that could be interpreted or pieced together to derive critical information in time to be useful to adversaries, as well as to select and execute measures that eliminate or reduce to an acceptable level the vulnerabilities of friendly actions to adversary exploitation. The key to establishing and maintaining a proactive OPSEC program is effective leadership, situational awareness, training, and daily practice.

3. Every member of USAG Ansbach is responsible for the protection of our mission. Our success requires your active involvement; however, the success or failure of OPSEC is ultimately the responsibility of the commander and most important emphasis for implementing OPSEC comes from the chain of command. Failure to properly implement OPSEC measures can result in serious injury or death to our personnel, damage to weapons systems, equipment and facilities, loss of sensitive technologies, and mission failure. OPSEC is a continuous process and an inherent part of military culture and as such, must be fully integrated into the execution of all Army operations and supporting activities.

4. OPSEC is our first line of defense against hostile intelligence collection efforts. These security measures are key means of preventing, detecting and subverting and adversary's indirect actions on our mission. OPSEC awareness and countermeasures must continue to evolve as our information operations and technology advance.

5. I believe in the OPSEC process as a way to maximize our potential for successful operations. To this end, the USAG Ansbach OPSEC Program Manager will incorporate the OPSEC Working Group within the Garrison Protection Working Groups. This will enable the OPSEC Manager to communicate with all members of the protection

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enterprise and share information with stakeholders and tenant units to ensure the success of the program. Additionally, OPSEC programs and documentation shall be reviewed at least annually to ensure any changes in mission, threat, Critical Information List (CIL), or OPSEC measures are updated into the standard operation procedures/plan in a timely manner.

6. The POC for this action is the DPTMS OPSEC Program Manager, at DSN 314-587-1525, or at email marcus.l.johnson97.civ@army.mil.

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