



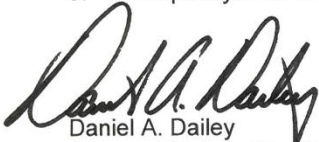
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Mandated Actions Related to Housing (Army-Owned, Privatized, and Barracks)

1. We are deeply troubled by the deficient housing conditions we personally observed at Fort Meade, Maryland, and by the reports of similar conditions experienced by Family members living in on-post housing across the Army. The situation is unacceptable, and we are failing our Soldiers and their Families by not providing the quality housing they deserve. Our enduring obligation as Army leaders is to take care of our people—our Soldiers and their Families. Their health and welfare is of the utmost importance to our Army's readiness.
2. Senior commanders will actively monitor the condition of housing (Army-owned, privatized, and barracks) for health, safety, and environmental issues of concern. We empower and expect commanders and noncommissioned officers throughout the chain of command to routinely visit homes and check on living conditions—with appropriate notice and the consent of our Families. Where life, health, and safety issues exist, senior commanders will ensure that conditions are immediately remediated. Housing residents will be relocated to temporary quarters, as requested or required by the senior commander.
3. Within the next 15 days, senior commanders will personally conduct town halls, in collaboration with the Residential Communities Initiative project company representatives, to give Families a forum to voice housing concerns. Within the next 30 days, senior commanders will complete an inspection of their installation housing to assess the scale and scope of housing issues and report their assessment up through the chain of command.
4. Senior commanders will make sure all actions taken to ensure the health and safety of our Soldiers and Family members are documented. Temporarily relocated housing residents should return to their permanent residence only after the senior commander deems that appropriate corrective actions have been taken.
5. We expect you to maintain vigilance on housing conditions. It is a top priority.


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