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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Garrison Italy Units and Supported Units

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Italy Family Advocacy Program (FAP)
Command Policy

1. References:

a. DoD Instruction 6400.06, DoD Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel, 15 December 2021 (Change 2), 16 May 2023.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 30 October 2007 (Rapid Action Revision (RAR)) 13 September 2011.

c. Army Directive 2019-24 Reporting Responsibilities of Commanders and Covered Professionals for Child Abuse and Neglect, 11 July 2019.

2. The following standards are established for all sites in the USAG Italy area of operation.

3. All commanders are responsible for being attentive to the prevention of family violence and must demand the same from their subordinates. Leaders have the direct and day to day contact with their servicemembers and Family members. Sensitive leaders recognize when servicemembers show signs of anxiety or tension that could lead to abuse of Family members and intimate partners. Caring leaders also know how to spot signs that indicate that their servicemembers are being victimized.

4. The FAP is a comprehensive commanders' program focused on the prevention of family violence and prompt reporting, investigation, and intervention when abuse does occur. Leaders should refer servicemembers who are at-risk for child abuse or domestic violence to Army Community Services (ACS) FAP for educational and prevention services to include parenting, stress or anger management, and couple enrichment programs.

5. Per AR 608-18, all company level and above commanders and senior enlisted advisors must attend the mandatory FAP Briefing from the FAP Manager within 45 days.

6. It is important that commanders encourage and all fathers, stepfathers or intimate

partners who fall into the New Parent Support Program (NPSP) target population to participate in services that help promote healthy parenting skills and that prevent child abuse and neglect. Participation by fathers in the NPSP can help their understanding of child development and readjust to the role of being a father after periods of separation.

7. Every servicemember, employee, and member of the military community must report suspected or known child abuse. Furthermore, it is encouraged to report information about known or suspected domestic violence or abuse. Commanders, law enforcement personnel, medical treatment personnel, social workers, educators and Child, youth & School Services personnel are mandated reporters. The 24-hour reporting point of contact is the military police (646-5300 or 0444-71-5300), who will accept reports of both child abuse and unrestricted domestic violence. In each case, a servicemember's commander will be notified and an investigation initiated. The FAP Victim Advocate, FAP manager, health care personnel, and behavioral health providers can take restricted reports of domestic violence.

8. All personnel will afford both alleged abuse victims and offenders their rights under the law. Victims have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and with a respect for privacy and to be reasonably protected from the accused offender. FAP recommends that commanders immediately consult with their judge advocate to consider whether a 72 hours no contact order should be imposed following incidents of child and domestic abuse until a Social Work Services Provider can make a safety assessment.

9. Family violence is unacceptable, incompatible with the Army core values, and will not be tolerated. All commanders can make a positive difference by establishing trust, offering support, encouraging non-violence, and providing solutions to problems. By referring at-risk Families to the FAP prevention programs, commanders might prevent a family situation from escalating to a crisis ending in violence.

10. The point of contact for this memorandum is the USAG Italy FAP Manager at DSN 314-646-5824.



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