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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders All Units Reporting Directly to the Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Policy Memo No. 06 – Fort Knox Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. Purpose. To define Fort Knox policy concerning Family Advocacy Program (FAP) procedures for responding to child abuse, spouse abuse, major juvenile misconduct, and juvenile-on-juvenile problematic sexual behavior and to direct the involvement of the chain of command.

2. References.

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-1, Army Community Service (ACS), 19 October, 2017.
- b. AR 608-18, The Army FAP, Rapid Action Revision (RAR), 13 September 2011.
- c. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6400.01, FAP, 1 May 2019.
- d. DoDI 6400.05, New Parent Support Program (NPSP), 13 June 2012.
- e. National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2017 (Public Law 114-328), Section 575, "Reporting on Allegations of Child Abuse in Military Families and Homes".
- f. Army Directive 2019-13 (Response to Major Juvenile Misconduct and Referral of Civilian Criminal Offenses to Civilian Authorities), 21 March 2019.

3. Policy. The Fort Knox FAP is a commander's program designed to prevent spouse and child abuse, encourage the reporting of all instances of abuse, ensure the prompt assessment and investigation of abuse cases, protect victims of abuse, and to treat all family members affected by or involved in abuse. The goal of the Fort Knox FAP is to break the cycle of abuse by actively engaging in preventive strategies, encouraging early identification, and promoting effective treatment of abuse for Soldiers and affected family members.

- a. All Soldiers, employees, and Civilian members of the military community are encouraged to report information about known or suspected incidents of child abuse,

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spouse abuse, major juvenile misconduct, and juvenile problematic sexual behavior to the Fort Knox Military Police (MP) at (502) 624-2111 or email usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.list.des-mp-desk-sergeant@mail.mil. In accordance with (IAW) reference 2e above, individuals within the chain of command of a service member and all Department of Defense (DOD) personnel who are considered “covered professionals” are required to report any information that gives reason to suspect that a child in the family or home of a service member has suffered an incident of child abuse. Covered professionals include FAP staff, military law enforcement and criminal investigative personnel, medical personnel, Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA) personnel, those engaged in providing child and youth services, and anyone else who may serve in a caregiving role for children. As required by this law, when a covered professional learns of facts that give reason to suspect that a child in the family or home of a member of the armed forces has suffered an incident of child abuse, regardless of whether the alleged incident occurred on or off the installation, the covered professional “shall as soon as possible make a report of the suspected abuse to the local Child Protective Services (CPS) agency”. Hardin County Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) is the designated CPS agency for the Fort Knox community. Individuals within the chain of command and all covered professionals will report suspected incidents of child abuse/neglect to DCBS by calling (270) 766-5088 or Hotline number at (877) 597-2331, or email: intake.srtrs@ky.gov. In addition to DCBS, all reports must be made to the Fort Knox Military Police (MP) by calling (502) 624-2111 or email: usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.list.des-mp-desk-sergeant@mail.mil. When making a report via email, an automated confirmation of the received report will be provided. Child abuse allegations will be investigated by the Hardin County DCBS and appropriate law enforcement authorities. FAP works in collaboration with DCBS to ensure the safety of the child and to provide treatment and resources as appropriate. Commanders will be notified when their Soldiers are involved in spouse/partner abuse, child abuse, or child neglect.

b. Family violence, including child and spouse, as well as, violence perpetrated by a single Soldier against partners, adversely impacts morale, welfare, and mission readiness. Because of this impact, commanders are the responsible individuals to take immediate steps to alleviate family violence.

(1) Leaders at all levels must be alert for evidence of domestic violence, report it, and react promptly. Commanders must take appropriate action to protect victims of abuse from further harm. Applicable rights of alleged victims and offenders will be ensured. If an active duty Soldier is identified as the alleged offender, commanders will order the offender into government billeting. The Soldier-offender will have no contact with the home/quarters or victim for a minimum of 72 hours. If an Emergency Protective Order (EPO) or Domestic Violence Order (DVO) is in place, commanders will monitor the Soldier-offender’s compliance with the order(s) and complete the Domestic Violence Checklist, FK Form 5068-E, October 2005, (enclosure 1), and the Emergency

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Protection Order Checklist, FK Form 5067-E, April 2010, (enclosure 2). When the civilian spouse is the offender, commanders will make every effort to ensure the safety of the Soldier. Safety measures will include offering the Soldier-victim temporary living space in the unit's assigned billets or ensuring other suitable arrangements.

(2) FAP clinical personnel will provide treatment for Soldiers and family members experiencing family violence and will be responsible for incident assessment, notification to commanders, coordination and supervision of the Case Review Committee (CRC), establishment of treatment plans on substantiated cases, and provision of progress reports to the command. Army Community Service (ACS) offers victim advocacy services and can assist in addressing victim safety issues. ACS FAP Victim Advocate can be contacted at (502) 624-6291 during regular duty hours, Monday-Friday, 0730 - 1600. Victim advocacy services are available 24/7 by contacting the Domestic Violence Call center at: 1-855-827-0400, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) or Military One Source (1-800-342-9647) or www.militaryonesource.com.

(3) As mandated by AR 608-18, each unit/company commander will coordinate with the FAP manager at ACS to obtain domestic violence and child abuse briefings designed for unit commanders within 45 days of assuming command. Commanders can also schedule time for Soldiers to attend annual troop awareness briefings presented by FAP personnel.

(4) Unit commanders will attend Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings when a case involving one of their Soldiers or family members is presented. FAP clinical personnel will notify unit commanders of the scheduled CRC.

(5) Commanders will ensure that Soldiers involved in family violence attend (immediate and uninterrupted) recommended treatment. The Soldier's place of duty will include scheduled appointments until treatment is completed. When ACS/FAP New Parent Support Program (NPSP) Home Visitation program is recommended, participation of fathers/stepfathers will have significant impact and should be encouraged by commanders.

(6) FAP clinical personnel will provide updates to commanders of their Soldiers who are enrolled in FAP. Soldiers assessed as high risk will not be considered deployable while enrolled in treatment. If the unit mission requires high risk Soldiers to deploy, approval by the Brigade Commander must be obtained.

(7) Mandated treatment does not preclude disciplinary and administrative actions against offenders in appropriate cases. Commanders should consult with their assigned Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) point of contact (POC) regarding applicability of the Lautenberg Amendment and when considering administrative and disciplinary

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action. Commanders are responsible for taking action they deem appropriate IAW the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

c. IAW reference f above, juvenile-on-juvenile problematic sexual behavior is defined as behaviors initiated by children and youth under the age of 18 that involve sexual body parts in a manner that deviates from normal/typical sexual behavior and are developmentally inappropriate and/or potentially harmful to the individual initiating the behavior or others. Cases involving juvenile-on-juvenile problematic sexual behavior will be reported to the Fort Knox MP and referred promptly to FAP. FAP clinical personnel will conduct assessment and provide treatment for military families impacted by juvenile-on-juvenile problematic sexual behavior and coordinate referrals to additional resources such as victim assistance and advocacy services as needed.

4. Expiration. This Command Policy Memorandum will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

5. The point of contact for this policy is the ACS FAP manager at (502) 624-6291.

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