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MEMORANDUM FOR Service Members, Civilian Employees, and Family Members
Working or Residing in the USAG Stuttgart

SUBJECT: USAG Stuttgart Command Policy Letter #7, Suicide Prevention

1. REFERENCE: AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion.
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 continually emphasize suicide awareness training. Commanders/Directors will schedule suicide prevention and resiliency training to ensure all military and civilian personnel receive training annually. Family Members will be encouraged to attend similar training.
 - b. The USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office (RSO) will assist commanders in training uniformed military personnel and Family Members. The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is responsible for training the civilian workforce.
 - c. Commanders, Senior Enlisted Leaders and Directors at all levels will eliminate any policy that inadvertently discriminates, punishes, or discourages any Soldier or Army Civilian from seeking out or receiving professional counseling. Members of this Command, uniformed or not, will not be humiliated, belittled or ostracized for seeking or receiving professional counseling services.
 - d. Commanders will inquire as to whether or not a Soldier owns or has plans to acquire privately owned weapons if the commander has reasonable grounds to believe the Soldier is at risk of self-harm. If the Soldier possesses a privately owned weapon, the commander will consult with behavioral health care providers and their legal advisor to determine an appropriate course of action.
 - e. Commanders will establish unit watch policies and procedures for uniformed members who are deemed at risk for suicide.
 - f. Commanders and supervisors will ensure that suicide-intervention skills training is provided to Primary and Secondary gatekeepers (AR 600-63, Table 4-1), junior leaders and first-line supervisors.

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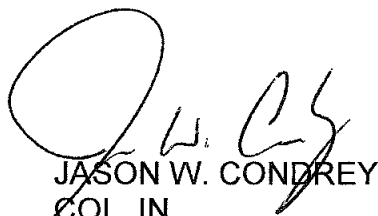
g. RSO will ensure that garrison chaplains and Religious Affairs Specialists (RAS) are trained as gatekeepers.

h. RSO will ensure garrison chaplains and RAS are prepared to conduct the Army-approved gatekeeper training workshops.

i. The ASAP will oversee all Ask, Care, Escort (ACE), ACE–Suicide Intervention (SI) and gatekeeper training and advise the commander if training is not conducted as specified IAW AR 600-63.

j. DES will ensure that all suicidal ideations and attempts are reported to the ASAP.

4. Points of contact for this policy is the ASAP at DSN 596-2530 and USAG Stuttgart RSO at DSN 596-3079.



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