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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the United States Army Garrison (USAG)
Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: USAG Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter 51, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Commanders' Response to Domestic Violence

1. References:

- a. DoDI 6400.01, Family Advocacy Program, 1 May 2019
- b. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 13 Sep 2011
- c. AR 608-1, Army Community Service, 19 Oct 2017
- d. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 2021
- e. AER 608-18-1, Army in Europe Child and Youth Supervision, 20 Nov 2020

2. Purpose: Provide instruction for commanders and establish guidance for the prevention of and the response to incidents of Intimate Partner violence. The FAP mission is to prevent and reduce child abuse, child neglect, and spouse/intimate partner abuse. An essential aspect of the FAP mission is to promote strong and resilient Soldiers and Families by implementing educational programs and supportive services. The FAP mission also includes ensuring prompt reporting, assessment, and investigation of incidents of abuse, while providing treatment to all affected Family members.

3. Commanders will:

- a. Immediately report all incidents of child abuse, child neglect, and domestic/intimate partner violence to the USAG Wiesbaden Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC), which is the Military Police, at DSN: 548-7777, COM: 0611-143-548-7777.
- b. Take actions as listed in Enclosure 1 (Commander's Response to Domestic Violence Checklist) immediately upon becoming aware of a domestic violence incident (This may be physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, or neglect). These protective measures are designed to safeguard members of the military community while an incident is investigated by law enforcement, assessed by the Family Advocacy Program – Clinical (FAP-C), and when appropriate, adjudicated through administrative or judicial processes. Nothing in this policy prevents a commander from taking additional, appropriate, lawful action.

c. Issue a no contact order between the alleged victim and alleged offender to remain in effect until both have been assessed by FAP-C, but **no less than 24 hours**. The order will be communicated to both the Service Member(SM) and Family member(s) involved. This order may be verbal, but should be followed up in writing as soon as practical. After issuing the no contact order, commanders should consult with their servicing trial counsel or Military Justice Advisor to discuss any necessary modifications to the no contact order and the possible issuance of a formal Military Protective Order (MPO) utilizing DD Form 2873. If a formal MPO utilizing DD Form 2873 is issued, commanders will immediately provide a copy of this order to the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). DES must be informed if the MPO is modified or lifted.

d. Make every effort to secure SM's access to weapons following an alleged incident of domestic violence.

e. Following FAP-C assessment, consult with FAP-C regarding rescinding or extending the no contact order based on the risks and safety of the Family.

f. Ensure victims and offenders of domestic violence (DV) are aware of available resources and informed of their right to safety and to receive counseling, treatment, and legal information.

g. Inform and refer to the FAP Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates (DAVA), the FAP Manager (FAPM), or the FAP-C, to conduct safety planning and provide support. In all cases of domestic violence, the applicable rights of both victims and offenders will be observed at all times.

h. Attend the Incident Determination Committee (IDC) meeting involving a SM in their Command and support SM in completing recommended FAP treatment.

i. In accordance with AR 608-18, company commanders and senior enlisted advisers shall attend FAP briefing within 45 days after appointment to a command position and annually thereafter. In addition, company level commanders are responsible for scheduling annual FAP troop training on Family violence prevention and awareness, the availability of prevention and treatment services, and other community resources. All Soldiers are to attend this training annually. Please contact FAP staff at DSN 548-9201, COM: 0611-143-548-9201 to schedule FAP briefings and trainings.

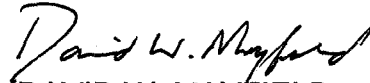
4. Commanders should be aware of and refer eligible Families to the New Parent Support Program (NPSP), which is an important voluntary program that is designed to increase parental skills and reduce incidents of child abuse. This program supports Families through a comprehensive combination of services before and after a child's birth, which include home visits, parent education, parent-child bonding, child development, play time, information, and referral. Expectant parents or those with a child under four years of age are eligible for these services. Both mothers and fathers are encouraged to participate.

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5. The point of contact for this policy is the Army Community Service FAP Manager at DSN: 548-9202, COM: 0611-143-548-9202.

1 Enclosure


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Enclosure 1

Commander's Response to Domestic Violence Checklist

Commander Completing Checklist:

Service Member(s) Involved:

Date of Incident: _____ **Date MPO Issued:** _____

Upon notification or discovery of an incident of domestic violence:

____ 1. Immediately notify the USAG Wiesbaden Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC), the Military Police, at DSN: 548-7777, COM: 0611-143-548-7777.

____ 2. Without regard to the Service Member(s) alleged roll, issue a Military Protective Order (MPO), DD Form 2873, to all Service Member(s) involved in the incident of Domestic Violence (DV). The order shall include no physical contact, no verbal contact, no telephonic contact, no electronic contact to include social media, and no contact through a third party. The order will remain in place at least until Wiesbaden FAP-C has completed an initial assessment and established a safety plan, but in **no case for less than 24 hours**.

____ a. Notify all family members with whom there is to be no contact.

____ b. Commanders will provide copies of the assigned MPO to:

	Contact	DATE
(1) SERVICE MEMBER		
(2) UNIT TRIAL COUNSEL		
(3) DES		
(4) WIESBADEN FAP-C	06371 94641312	
(5) VICTIM ADVOCATE	0162 297 5625	

____ 3. Commanders will secure the Service Member by creating a temporary housing plan that separates the parties and promotes safety for all (including children). Soldiers should most frequently be placed in the barracks; however, the commander can authorize alternative options.

____ 4. Commanders will establish a system to monitor the Service Member during and after this period. Commanders will always consider the safety of children in the home even if they were not involved in the incident. Should a concern for the safety of children arise, contact the MP desk for coordination with Wiesbaden FAP-C and Host Nation CPS authorities. DSN: 548-7777, COM: 0611-143-548-7777.

____ 5. Commanders will secure the Service Member's access to weapons immediately following allegations of domestic violence. Consult with the unit trial counsel about available options.

____ 6. Commanders will consult with Wiesbaden FAP-C before rescinding the Military Protective Order (MPO). Commanders are highly encouraged to follow FAP recommendations to prevent harm and ensure no further incidents of domestic violence. DSN: 590-1312 COMS: 06371 94641312

____ 7. Commanders will counsel the military suspect about his/her alleged misconduct only after referring the Domestic Violence investigation to law enforcement and consulting with the unit trial counsel about providing a military suspect his/her Article 31 rights under the UCMJ.

____ 8. Document the measures taken and the date they were taken, and determine if other measures (command referral to Behavioral Health, SUDCC, Chaplin, etc.) are appropriate.

FORWARD CHECKLIST AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO:

1. SERVICE MEMBER's COUNSELING FILE
2. UNIT TRIAL COUNSEL

COMMANDER (PRINT NAME)

COMMANDER (SIGNATURE)