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ATZT-JA (360-81d1)

19 MAY 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy 6, Limitation on Exercise of Authority

1. REFERENCES

- a. Manual for Courts-Martial, 2019 Edition.
- b. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 20 April 2012, subject: Withholding Initial Disposition Authority Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice in Certain Sexual Assault Cases.
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 600-20 (Army Command Policy), 24 July 2020.
- d. Army Directive 2022-10 (Safe-to-report for Victims of Sexual Assault), 6 July 2022.
- e. Fort Leonard Wood Regulation 27-10 (Military Justice), 22 January 2021.
- f. Fort Leonard Wood Regulation 525-3 (Installation Command Reporting), 3 June 2020.

2. PURPOSE. To establish policy and procedures for the reporting and disposition of allegations of certain types of misconduct and all misconduct by certain categories of alleged offenders.

3. WITHHOLDING.

a. Pursuant to Rules for Courts-Martial (RCM) 306(a), 401, and 601, and reference 1b, I withhold the authority to dispose of the following:

(1) all allegations of misconduct committed by all officers, warrant officers, and sergeants major, as well as any Soldiers serving as first sergeants (1SG) in the grade of E-7 and above; and

(2) all allegations of misconduct committed by Soldiers serving as SHARP representatives.

b. In accordance with reference 1b, allegations of sexual assault and rape against all other Soldiers are withheld to the special court-martial convening authorities with the rank of colonel or above.

c. These reservations of authority include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- (1) choosing to take no disciplinary action;
- (2) referring charges to court-martial;
- (3) imposing non-judicial punishment;
- (4) initiating elimination and separation actions;
- (5) issuing memoranda of reprimand; and
- (6) approving the entry of substantiated adverse findings into the Army Adverse Information Program

c. This reservation of authority does not prohibit any person under my command from preferring charges against a service member under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Additionally, the reservation does not apply to developmental counseling conducted in the ordinary course of professional development. Subordinate commanders retain the authority to initiate investigations and suspension actions for Soldiers who fall within this reservation of authority. If there is any doubt about whether an allegation of misconduct falls within this reservation of authority, commanders will consult their servicing judge advocate.

4. SUPERSESSION. This policy supersedes memorandum, HQ MSCoE, ATZT-CG, 26 June 2020, subject as above, and is effective until superseded or revoked.

5. PROPONENT. The proponent for this command policy is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, (573) 596-2333.



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