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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Garrison Policy 05, Use of Vapor Producing Devices**

**1. References:**

a. Army Regulation 600-63 (Army Health Promotion), 14 April 2015

b. 21 U.S.C. § 321

**2. Purpose:** To provide guidance regarding the use of all vapor producing devices including, but not limited to, electronic cigarettes.

**3. Applicability:** This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel, including appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, as well as family members, visitors, volunteers, or contractors in Fort Leonard Wood facilities.

**4. Policy:**

a. Due to the nature, appearance, and safety concerns of electronic cigarettes and all other vaping devices, they are considered to be in the same category of tobacco products and may not be utilized in any public government building on the installation.

b. Furthermore, use of these devices may not occur within 50 feet of the entrance to any such facility. While the devices emit water vapor, they often produce smells which can be offensive in tight spaces.

c. Civilian employees who wish to participate in smoking cessation programs sponsored by the General Fort Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital may do so by using their sick and annual leave. Managers and supervisors will continue to encourage and support employee participation in such programs.

**5. Background:**

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a. Electronic cigarettes and “vaping” devices contain a cartridge filled with glycerin, which is delivered to the user as a vapor. Water vapor is emitted from the end of the device to mimic the appearance of smoke. There are no health warnings on these products similar to those seen on conventional cigarette packages.

b. Manufacturers offer cartridges and liquids with decreasing levels of nicotine with the concept that they can be used to help someone quit smoking. No traditional studies have been conducted which demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of these products as tobacco cessation aids. The Food and Drug Administration is currently considering regulations regarding the sale and use of these devices.

6. Punitive Effect: Violation of this policy by military personnel is punishable as an offense under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violation by any other person may subject the violator to adverse administrative action or debarment from the installation.

7. This memorandum does not cancel nor supersede other instructions wherein tobacco use is controlled because of fire, explosive, or other safety considerations.

8. The point of contact for this command policy is the Community Ready and Resilient Integrator, COMM at (573) 596-0938.

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