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RMKS/1. THIS NAVADMIN PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION AND REITERATES TO COMMANDERS THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE NAVY.

2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NAVY CORE VALUES AND OUR HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DISCIPLINE. YET IN FY-00, OF THE MORE THAN 4,100 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, 67 PERCENT WERE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE NAVY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP).

3. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS, IN MOST CASES, A CRIMINAL OFFENSE THAT HARMS INDIVIDUALS, RUINS FAMILIES, WEAKENS COMMUNITIES, AND UNDERMINES FLEET READINESS. ACCORDINGLY, NAVY LEADERSHIP AT EVERY LEVEL MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PROTECT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND HOLD OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE.

4. DID YOU KNOW:

A. NOT ALL INCIDENTS INVOLVE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS USE A VARIETY OF TACTICS - EMOTIONAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE, ECONOMIC CONTROL AND INTERFERENCE WITH PERSONAL LIBERTY - TO INSTILL FEAR, INTIMIDATE, MANIPULATE AND CONTROL THEIR VICTIMS.

B. SEPARATION/DIVORCE MAY NOT END THE VIOLENCE. IN SOME CASES, RISK OF LETHAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCREASES WHEN VICTIMS ARE

LEAVING OR HAVE LEFT THE RELATIONSHIP. LIKEWISE, NOT ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE INVOLVE HIGH RISK, LETHAL ACTS. IN LOW RISK CASES THE NAVY OFFERS EARLY INTERVENTION FOR FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES (FINS). SAILORS INVOLVED IN FINS CASES ARE DIVERTED FROM THE NORMAL FAP PROCESS AND OFFERED ASSISTANCE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS TO HELP PREVENT FUTURE VIOLENCE.

C. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT CAUSED OR EXCUSED BY ALCOHOL, STRESS, DEPLOYMENT OR THE VICTIM'S BEHAVIOR.

D. EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NEGATIVELY IMPACTS CHILDREN, IMMEDIATELY AND FOR YEARS TO COME.

5. LEADERS CAN CONTINUE ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY:

A. SENDING THE CLEAR MESSAGE THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY ISSUING WRITTEN COMMAND POLICY STATEMENTS EMPHASIZING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

B. REQUESTING TRAINING/ADVICE FROM YOUR LOCAL FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHEN IT HAS OCCURRED, HOW TO CONTACT LOCAL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RESOURCES WHICH CAN HELP PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HOW TO CHOOSE APPROPRIATE COMMAND ACTIONS TO PROTECT ALLEGED VICTIMS AND HOW TO INTERACT MOST PRODUCTIVELY WITH LOCAL FAP CASE REVIEW COMMITTEES (CRC).

C. PUBLICIZING WIDELY THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE (1-800-799-SAFE) AS A CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS SEEKING INFORMATION IN CONUS.

D. INCREASING PROTECTION TO VICTIMS THROUGH COORDINATED ENFORCEMENT OF CIVILIAN ORDERS OF PROTECTION AFFECTING MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS (MPOS), ISSUING MPOS IN WRITING, AND ENSURING IDENTIFIED VICTIMS RECEIVE A COPY OF ALL MPOS.

E. ENSURING ALL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS ARE INVESTIGATED BY CIVILIAN OR MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

F. TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION TO HOLD OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A VIOLATION OF UNIFORMED CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE HAS OCCURRED.

G. UNDERSTANDING THAT DOD'S TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM PROVIDES BASIC BENEFITS TO FAMILIES VICTIMIZED BY SERVICE MEMBERS WHEN THEIR ABUSE CONTRIBUTES TO THE MEMBER'S DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE. ABUSED FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO AVOID REVICTIMIZATION IF THEY HAVE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST THEM IN A TRANSITION. SEE REF A FOR MORE DETAILS.

H. PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN CRC PROCEEDINGS BY APPOINTING A COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE AND CRC MEMBERS, WHEN REQUESTED, AND BY ENSURING THEY RECEIVE REQUIRED TRAINING.

6. IN THE RECENT PAST, BY VIRTUE OF YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE SOCIAL ILLS WHICH WE HAD IMPORTED FROM OUR SOCIETY AT LARGE – DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE IN PARTICULAR - WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF OUR SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE IMPROVED THE READINESS OF OUR FLEET TO FIGHT AND WIN. WE AS THE NAVY LEADERSHIP, NEED TO CONTINUE TO ATTACK THE SCOURGE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY COMMUNICATING THROUGH OUR ACTIONS THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE NAVY.

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