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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF


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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Reporting Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Incidents by Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers

1. Domestic violence continues to be a serious concern to the Department of Defense and Congress. For the past several years FAP has experienced a noticeable decline in incidence reporting. We believe this reduction may be partly attributed to fears of an adverse impact on career progression and underreporting by Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers. The Army Surgeon General and a recent Cornell University FAP Case Review Committee Practices and Procedures Study have raised evidence of this problem.

2. Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers at all levels are key in ensuring that incidents of domestic violence are reported lest we put families and soldiers in danger. In accordance with AR 608-18, para 1-7(4) unit commanders will report suspected spouse and child abuse to the Reporting Point of Contact on the installation and provide relevant information to those investigating the report. Installation FAP managers are available to provide regulatory training and guidance to commanders in accordance with AR 608-18.


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