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SUBJECT: Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 Oct 07
- b. UR 190-4, Incident Reporting, 24 Apr 09

2. **POLICY:** The USAREC Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is established to prevent spouse and child abuse and to ensure personnel are trained to properly intervene in abuse. To fulfill this policy, the USAREC FAP will:

- a. Promote awareness and prevention of domestic violence within the recruiting community and coordinate professional intervention at all levels within military and civilian communities.
- b. Strive to break the cycle of abuse by identifying abuse as early as possible, providing intervention, and coordinating treatment for the offender and affected family members.
- c. Recognize that many incidents of domestic violence constitute violations of the law and that the commander has authority to take disciplinary or administrative action in such cases.

3. **OBJECTIVES:** To prevent spouse and child abuse, to encourage the reporting of all suspected or known instances of such abuse, to ensure the prompt assessment and investigation of all abuse cases, to protect victims of abuse, and to arrange for treatment of all family members (victims and offenders) affected by or involved in abuse.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. The HQ USAREC Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM) will:

- (1) Coordinate the administration, prevention, training, and evaluation efforts of the FAP throughout USAREC to ensure compliance with AR 608-18.

- (2) Serve as the subject matter expert (SME) at HQ USAREC for all aspects of the FAP and incidents of domestic violence.

- b. Unit commanders and senior enlisted advisors will:

- (1) Attend the leaders' FAP briefing within 45 days of assumption of command or position (AR 608-18, para. 1-8b).

- (2) Schedule time annually for all military personnel to attend mandatory domestic violence awareness classes (AR 608-18, para. 1-8b).

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(3) Report all suspected or known spouse and child abuse to HQ USAREC Command Operations Center and to the brigade Family Advocacy Program Coordinator (FAPC) within 24 hours (AR 608-18, para. 1-8b; UR 190-4, para 2-1b).

(4) Attend Case Review Committee (CRC) case presentations pertaining to their Soldiers and family members (AR 608-18, para. 1-8b).

(5) Ensure soldiers involved in domestic violence complete the treatment programs recommended by CRC and/or ordered by the court (AR 608-18, para. 1-8b).

(6) Report any soldier who is convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to the brigade judge advocate and brigade FAPC IAW with the Lautenberg Amendment (AR 608-18, para. 1-8b; UR 190-4, para 2-1b).

c. The brigade FAPC will:

(1) Coordinate the administration, prevention, evaluation and training efforts of the FAP within their brigades.

(2) Serve as the SME for their brigade for all aspects of the FAP and incidents of domestic violence.

(3) Ensure that all reported incidents of child or spouse abuse are reported to the nearest servicing military installation for review by the CRC (AR 608-18. para. 3-4c).

(4) Serve as a liaison between the command and servicing military installation staff until the case is closed by the CRC.

(5) Notify unit commanders and USAREC FAPM regarding any changes in the status of FAP cases.

(6) Brief unit commanders, senior enlisted advisors, and battalion Soldier and Family Assistance Program Managers regarding the FAP within 45 days of assumption of command or position.

(7) Conduct a staff assistance visit with each battalion at least once each year to check program compliance with this policy and with AR 608-18.

d. The Battalion Soldier and Family Assistance Program Managers will:

(1) Assist the command and staff with emergency procedures to stabilize situations and ensure victim protection in cases where abuse occurred.

(2) Attend a FAP briefing within 45 days of assumption of position.

5. Together, we can make a difference in the well-being of our families. Teamwork does not just occur on the battlefield. It is also critical in our efforts to build a stronger community and protect our families throughout this command.


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