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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth Army Command Policy Letter #5 - Army Suicide Prevention Program

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 600-63, Army Health Promotion, 14 April 2015.
- b. Department of Army Pamphlet 600-24, Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention, 14 April 2015.
- c. USARPAC Policy Memorandum, 16-01, Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention, 8 January 2016.

2. Purpose. To provide guidance and establish policy for the Eighth Army Suicide Prevention Program.

3. Background. Suicidal behaviors continue to be a concern for the Eighth Army. Suicide affects every segment of the force – All our military members across the board to include Officers and Enlisted Soldiers; Army Civilians, and Family members.

4. Policy.

a. Each Area's Community Health Promotion Council (CHPC) coordinates health promotion, risk reduction, and suicide prevention activities by sharing information, trends, best practices, lessons learned, and training developments. Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) will participate on their local CHPC and provide relevant suicide prevention data as required by the council.

b. Leaders will place increasing emphasis on the well-being of members of the Army family in the context of health promotion, risk reduction, and suicide prevention. Commanders and first-line supervisors must constantly engage their Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Family members in these efforts. Leaders must ensure effective suicide prevention and intervention programs are in place within their organizations in order to better assist our Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Family members.

c. Suicide Prevention Training is mandatory for all Soldiers, Leaders, and Army

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Civilians. The training is optional, but highly encouraged for Family members. The training will emphasize on increasing awareness of suicide risk factors, warning signs, and intervention skills. Annually, all Soldiers and Army Civilians will receive at least 90 minutes of Ask, Care, Escort (ACE) training. All company-level junior leaders and first-line supervisors to include squad and section leaders, platoon sergeants, platoon leaders, first sergeants, executive officers, company commanders, and Army Civilians assigned to the company level will receive 4 hours of Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI). Each MSC will ensure at least a third of their formation, to include Army Civilians, are trained in ACE-SI. Additionally, Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2) skills must be taught each year.

d. The Suicide Response Team (SRT) is a MSC requirement and essential to the suicide program. Its function is to convene within 48 hours of a suicide or a suicide attempt and assist the commander in assessing the situation, and determining appropriate courses of action. The SRT will conduct a case review report and will submit it to the 8A G1 within five working days of the crisis. The report will contain personal identifying information, details of death, history of prior suicide attempt, personality and lifestyle, family and relationship history, known legal problems, work history, alcohol, drug, and financial history. SRT intervention will include taking actions necessary to provide for the immediate welfare of Families who have suffered a suicide or suicide attempt.

e. Each MSC will implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the suicide prevention program that will identify supporting agencies for immediate referrals (financial, legal, substance abuse, spiritual, or medical) and also procedures for internal inspection of the suicide program. Each battalion and company will published a suicide prevention SOP.

f. Each MSC Suicide Prevention Program is inspected annually under the Eighth Army Command Inspection Program. MSCs will permanently post this policy, USARPAC policy 16-01, and the MSC suicide prevention policy on the unit's official bulletin boards.

5. Proponent. The proponent for this policy is Eighth Army G1 at commercial 011-822-7914-6072 or DSN 315-724-6072.


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