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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth Army Command Policy Letter #6, Total Army Sponsorship Program

1. References:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-8, The Total Army Sponsorship Program, 4 April 2006.

b. HQDA EXORD 161-15 Army-Wide Implementation Of The Total Army Sponsorship Program (TASP) Army Career Tracker Sponsorship Module, Active Component

2. Purpose. To establish policy for the Total Army Sponsorship Program within Eighth Army (8A).

3. Background. The Total Army Sponsorship Program is a commander's program that is essential for integrating Soldiers, Civilians, and their families into the new command and community. Effective sponsorship is the key to transition and leaves a lasting impression.

4. Discussion.

a. The Eighth Army Sponsorship Program dramatically improves the reception of new Soldiers, Civilians, and families into our community.

b. Commanders will ensure each Soldier as well as DA Civilians are assigned a sponsor in accordance with reference b. Gaining commanders will change pinpoint or ultimate assignments of sponsored Soldiers by exception only. When assignments are changed, coordinate immediately with the gaining command for smooth transition of sponsorship.

c. A properly managed sponsorship program can resolve potential problems and minimize hardships on Soldiers, Civilians, and families assigned to Korea, as well as ensure everyone understand Eighth Army standards. Sponsors, leaders, and commanders will realize sponsorship is a "people program" requiring strong support from the chain of command and ultimately affects the combat readiness of Eighth Army.

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d. Brigade level Commanders have the authority to approve exceptions to the policy to allow Soldiers to obtain clearing papers if their gaining unit has not assigned a sponsor for the Soldier departing Korea on Permanent Change of Station orders.

5. Proponent. The Eighth Army Assistant Chief of Staff G1 is the proponent for this policy. Contact the proponent at commercial 011-822-7914-8639 or DSN 315-724-8639.



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