



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, 8TH ARMY  
UNIT #15236  
APO AP 96205-5236

EACG

26 SEP. 2011.

MEMORANDUM FOR All 8th Army Assigned Soldiers

SUBJECT: 8th Army Command Policy Letter #11 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Deterrence

1. Reference. Army Regulation (AR) 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program, 2 February 2009 (incorporating Rapid Action Revision, 2 December 2009).
2. Purpose. To provide guidance and establish policy to define the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) as a command program with emphasis on readiness and personal responsibility within 8th Army.
3. Background. The abuse of alcohol, underage drinking, the use of illicit drugs, and the misuse of prescription and/or over-the-counter drugs are inconsistent with the standards of performance and high state of readiness required of all 8th Army military personnel.
4. Discussion.
  - a. Leaders have a responsibility to support the Army's policy of deglamorization of alcohol. This includes ensuring that the consumption of alcohol be safe and voluntary as well as within safe and appropriate levels at organized social events, such as hails and farewells, dining-ins, or unit dinners. Leaders must also be vigilant to the problem of underage drinking, as well as excessive intake of alcohol by any personnel at informal events such as promotion parties. At all levels, leaders must set the example through their personal behavior and directly encourage the responsible use of alcohol.
  - b. In order to deter the use of illicit drugs, enable commanders to assess the security, military fitness, good order and discipline of their units, and maintain a "drug free" environment within 8th Army, commanders will conduct random drug testing of at least 4-5 percent of their personnel weekly.
  - c. Without exception, Soldiers who are suspected of using illicit drugs or abusing alcohol will be referred to the ASAP for screening. These Soldiers will also be considered for disciplinary action under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), as appropriate, and may be processed for administrative separation.
  - d. Rehabilitation counseling sessions conducted under the auspices of ASAP are considered a Soldier's place of duty. Commanders will make every effort to ensure their Soldiers attend these sessions. Authority to cancel or reschedule a counseling session resides solely with the Commander.

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e. All Soldiers are required to receive four hours of alcohol and illicit drug use prevention education annually. This training will be conducted on a quarterly basis by Unit Prevention Leaders and will be supported by ASAP personnel on each installation. The number of Soldiers trained every quarter will be reported to the Prevention Coordinator at the respective installation ASAP office.

f. Major subordinate commands will develop policy and implement programs that provide our Soldiers the best possible services to minimize risks of substance abuse. Army Regulation 600-85, Chapter 2, outlines the minimum standards of performance for ASAP at every level of command. Higher headquarters will inspect the Command's program for effectiveness in accordance with AR 600-85, Chapter 4.

5. Proponent. The 8th Army Assistant Chief of Staff G1 is the proponent for this policy. The proponent can be contacted at commercial 011-822-7914-8256 or DSN 315-724-8256.



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