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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth United States Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth United States Army Command Policy #10 – Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program

1. REFERENCES.

a. [USFK Command Policy Letter #10](#), Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR), 28 MAY 06.

b. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 7 JUN 06.

2. PURPOSE. Reinforce Eighth Army's commitment to ensure all members of this command are provided an environment that eliminates incidents of sexual assault and provides compassionate care for the victims of these crimes. This policy promotes a command climate that encourages victims to report incidents of sexual assault without fear, retribution or intimidation.

3. BACKGROUND. Sexual Assault is a criminal offense that has no place in Eighth U.S. Army. Sexual assault is defined as "intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts."

4. DISCUSSION.

a. I expect commanders, supervisors, and leaders at every level, military, civilian, and contractors to take responsibility for both the prevention of and appropriate corrective action in eliminating sexual assault. This is about basic Soldier values, and in my view, a Soldier that would take advantage of another Soldier and commit an act of sexual assault is likely to also be the Soldier that would violate our Warrior Ethos and leave a fallen comrade. As part of our NCO creed our NCO's pledge to "know their Soldiers". That said, it is our NCO leaders that are best positioned to help mentor those Soldiers who by act or word identify themselves as potential victims or perpetrators of sexual assault. I expect our 8th Army NCOs to make a difference here and positively influence the behavior of these Soldiers.

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(1) I charge personnel in command, supervisory positions and leaders at all levels to be personally involved in ensuring we eliminate risk-factors which threaten a safe environment from all work areas, living quarters, and recreational facilities throughout the command. They will personally brief all incoming Soldiers and employees to ensure there is a clear understanding of the command's commitment to sexual assault prevention. Where prevention fails, commanders and leaders will ensure victims receive prompt, professional, and compassionate care. All reported incidents and unrestricted cases of sexual assault will be investigated by local law enforcement agencies. Commanders and leaders at all levels will be familiar with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPRP) regulations, the duties and responsibilities of the Area Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and Deployable SARC (DSARC), the Installation and Unit Victim Advocate (UVA), and the Army's Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP), AR 27-10, Chapter 18.

(2) Service members who are victims of sexual assault have two reporting options from which to choose. These options are unrestricted and restricted reporting.

(a) The Unrestricted Reporting Option allows a victim of sexual assault the same services as restricted reporting, but allows for a full investigation to include the possibility of a criminal prosecution. An unrestricted report requires official reporting through law enforcement and chain-of-command channels. Details of the incident will be released only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

(b) The Restricted Reporting Option allows the victim to receive medical, counseling and advocacy support services without triggering an official investigation or notification to the Chain of Command. To exercise this option, the victim may only report the sexual assault to a SARC, Health Care Provider (HCP), Chaplain or UVA.

(3) The USFK Sexual Assault Hotline is one of many ways to report a sexual assault. To call from any DSN telephone within Korea, dial the number "158" and to call from a commercial line or cell phone dial the number "0505-764-5700".

b. An essential component to the prevention of sexual assault is awareness training that all personnel will receive upon arrival at the reception station. Senior Leader training will be conducted for all commanders and senior leaders semi-annually. Commanders are responsible for the semi-annual unit level training at every unit and staff level. The training will be scenario based, using a small group format that will demonstrate the entire cycle of reporting, response, and accountability procedures. Additionally, they are responsible for sexual assault training at their command's newcomers briefing, holiday and safety briefings, and during pre and post deployment training or briefings. Installation Management Command- Korea (IMCOM-K) is responsible for the Sexual Assault training required to certify the Installation and UVAs, Area and Deployable SARCs, and to track the required training. With that said, 8th

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Army chains of command are responsible and accountable for the continuous training and prevention of sexual assaults in their units.

c. Any incident of sexual assault will not be tolerated. It destroys good order and discipline, which violates Army values we uphold as Warriors of Character. Our Soldiers are our most valuable asset and the cornerstones to our combat readiness in Korea.

5. PROPONENT. The Eighth U.S. Army Equal Opportunity Office is the proponent for this policy and can be reached at 011-9250-0753/0738 or DSN: 723-8446/8524

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