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HEADQUARTERS, 8TH ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR All 8th Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilian Employees

SUBJECT: 8th Army Command Policy Letter #20 - Korea Army Family Readiness Group - Operation Ready

1. References:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-20, Army Command Policy, 18 April 2008 (incorporating Rapid Action Revision, 27 April 2010).

b. Army Regulation 608-1, Army Community Service Center, 19 October 2007.

2. Purpose. To provide guidance and establish policy for Korea Army Family Readiness Groups within 8th Army.

3. Background.

a. A Family Readiness Group (FRG) is a commander's program formed in accordance with AR 500-20 and AR 608-1 to provide activities and support that encourage self-sufficiency among its members by providing information, referral assistance, and mutual support.

b. An FRG is a command-sponsored organization of Soldiers, civilian employees, Family members (immediate and extended) and volunteers belonging to a unit. An FRG is not a morale, welfare, and recreation program, a non-appropriated fund instrumentality, a private organization, or a nonprofit organization.

c. The Department of the Army (DA) has developed the FRG Leader's Handbook and the Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) Resource Guide with guidelines and information designed to aid commanders and Family volunteers in the establishment and operation of their FRGs. The FRG Leader's Handbook, FRSA Resource Guide, useful links, and other material are accessible at the 8th Army FRG website: <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/G1/FRG/Start.htm>.

4. Discussion.

a. All major subordinate command (MSC) commanders (both active and reserve components) will have a fully operational FRG for their respective organization that, at a minimum, develops and maintains the following:

(1) An organization phone/e-mail tree/contact roster that includes Families located within and outside of the Republic of Korea.

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(2) A virtual FRG (vFRG) website to link Family members with unit FRG leadership to help provide information and guidance. Each unit will maintain its own URL in this format: www.armyfrg.mil/unit-selected-name. The vFRG website program is a DA program fully funded by the U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Command. Every battalion size unit or larger will establish a vFRG website.

(3) Identify an MSC FRG point of contact (POC) who will establish contact with the local area Army Community Service (ACS) center. Area ACS contacts in Korea are listed below.

USAG Red Cloud: DSN 315-730-3108 USAG Humphreys: DSN 315-753-8401/8402

USAG Yongsan: DSN 315-738-7510 USAG Daegu: DSN 315-768-8126

b. The following goals will ensure that FRGs contribute directly to peninsula organizations and Soldier readiness.

(1) Establish connections with all Families (CONUS and OCONUS).

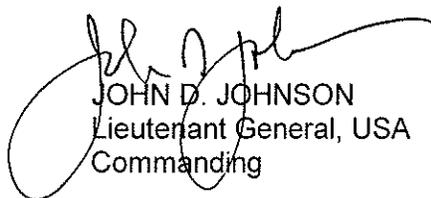
(2) Ensure Family members residing in the ROK are prepared to conduct Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO).

(3) Support the mission by providing outreach and information to all Families.

c. Commanders will set aside appropriated funds for FRGs each fiscal year and ensure that the monies are distributed in accordance with AR 608-1, with particular attention focused on the requirements of paragraphs J-3 and J-6 of Appendix J to AR 608-1. Commanders will coordinate with their FRG for input on estimated types and amount of support required (e.g., permissible reimbursable volunteer expenses, training, travel, etc.) so that they may better prepare their organization budget to support FRGs. 8th Army will publish the annual legal and regulatory guidance necessary to ensure proper utilization and expenditure of FRG funds. Funding levels will be set as follows: \$6,000.00 per Division FRG or equivalent unit, \$3,000 per Brigade FRG, \$1,000.00 per Battalion FRG, and \$300.00 per Company FRG.

d. Effective FRGs have proven their usefulness and can serve as a great command tool. We will establish FRGs that are responsive to Family needs and well received by commands.

5. Proponent. The 8th Army Assistant Chief of Staff, G1 is the proponent for this policy. The point of contact is Mrs. Kassel Kendricks at commercial 011-822-7914-3497 or DSN 315-724-3497.


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