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MEMORANDUM FOR Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region (WTB-NCR)

SUBJECT: Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region (WTB-NCR) Policy Letter # 25- Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) and Alcohol Consumption

1. REFERENCE:

- a. AR 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program
- b. AR 600-20, The Army Command Policy Program
- c. AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all personnel assigned, attached or personnel on temporary duty (TDY) to include Family members, civilian employee, and contract personnel within the Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region. This policy extends to the Bethesda, Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir WTUs.

3. GENERAL: Alcohol and drug abuse by Soldiers and civilian members can seriously damage their physical and mental health, jeopardize their safety and the safety of those around them, and can lead to criminal and administrative disciplinary actions. Alcohol and drug abuse is detrimental to a unit's operational readiness and command climate and is inconsistent with Army Values and the Warrior Ethos.

4. POLICY:

a. In order to prevent and deter the abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs and prescription drugs I may use any of the following methods:

- (1) The use of "drug dogs" in the billets and parking lots as required.
- (2) Conducting Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training.
- (3) Random Urinalysis/Unit Sweeps

b. Soldiers will not consume alcoholic beverages during assigned duty hours at their place of duty regardless of their duty status. The first General Officer or civilian equivalent in the unit chain of command or if not reasonably available, the Garrison Commander, may authorize exceptions to this policy for appropriate occasions and ceremonies.

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c. Any Soldier on duty with a blood/alcohol content of 0.05% will be referred to the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) on Army installations or Addiction Treatment Services (ATS) on Navy installations and may be subject to punishment under the UCMJ.

d. Other reasons for referral to ASAP/ATS include:

(1) Indications that a Soldier's duty performance is being adversely affected by his/her drinking habits.

(2) Incidents of illegal or improper activity where alcohol abuse/drug use are indicated as a contributory factor.

(3) Self-referral.

e. Referral to ASAP/ATS does not mean enrollment. These determinations are based upon the ADAPCP screening interview and my personal investigation of all alleged alcohol/drug abuse. If in my opinion, after the ASAP/ATS screening, I believe that the individual referred does not possess the desire or have the potential for further useful service, the Soldier will be considered for separation.

f. All Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenders will be screened by ASAP/ATS and will be referred to the Commander for consideration of disciplinary action. In addition to disciplinary actions, on post driving privileges will be revoked. Current regulations require a General Officer's letter of reprimand when an individual Soldier has been convicted while driving under the influence when their blood alcohol content is 0.05% or higher.

g. Alcohol will only be consumed in authorized/designated locations. Soldiers will not consume alcohol during duty hours. For Soldiers not otherwise on a shift schedule, duty hours are from 0630 to 1630. Military personnel on duty will not have a blood alcohol content level equal or greater than 0.05% grams of alcohol per 100 millimeters of blood. Alcohol consumption or purchase by personnel under the age of 21 is prohibited.

h. Alcohol will not be served during duty hours at command functions, luncheons or meetings. Military personnel will not consume alcoholic beverages on any road, street, alley, parking lot, other roadway, or outside any building except in areas designated for consumption of alcohol.

i. Soldiers will not operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Soldiers may have or consume alcohol if they are 21 years of age, subject to the restrictions above.

j. Violation of these provisions provides a basis for disciplinary action under the UCMJ.

5. The point of contact for this policy is the WTB-NCR Surgeon at 301-400-2311.

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