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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 # 26 – The Right of Soldiers to Present Complaints or Request Assistance from the Inspector General (IG)

1. REFERENCE: AR 20-1, Inspector General Activities and Procedures
2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all military personnel assigned, attached or on temporary duty (TDY) to the Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region (WTB-NCR). This policy extends to Bethesda, Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir WTUs.
3. GENERAL: Soldiers have the right to present complaints, grievances or request assistance from the IG without any retribution from the command. These complaints or grievances may include what Soldiers reasonably believe to be evidence of fraud, waste and abuse.

4. POLICY:

a. Chain of command: Prior to visiting the IG, you should consider whether your chain of command can address your concerns in a more prompt manner. However, you are not required to present your concerns to your chain of command before contacting the IG. Remember to obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the IG during duty hours. You are not required to tell anyone why you want to speak to an IG representative.

b. The Northern Regional Medical Command (NRMC) IG office at Fort Belvoir services all Cadre, Soldiers in Transition and Family members assigned, attached or on temporary duty (TDY) to the WTB-NCR. However, Cadre, Soldiers in Transition and Family members may certainly contact the local IG offices for installation issues that do not pertain to the WTB-NCR. Installation IG offices are listed below based on duty location.

WRNMMC
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Md 20889
Hotline: 301-319-8990

Fort Belvoir
8825 Beulah St.
Fort Belvoir, Va 22060-5246
703-806-0088

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Fort Meade
219 Chisholm Ave.
Fort Meade, MD 20755
301-677-7393

c. IG Addresses: If you believe that your local IG response to your concerns is not fair, complete or in accordance with law or regulation or if you believe that contacting your IG may jeopardize your interests, you may write or call toll free at the following address:

MEDCOM IG
2173 Wilson Way Suite 26
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-7564

Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG): 1-800-752-9747
Department of Defense Inspector General (DODIG): 1-800-424-9098

d. Disciplinary Actions: Department of the Army personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the IG or a member of Congress. These same individuals are prohibited from taking any disciplinary or adverse action against you for filing a complaint, seeking assistance or cooperating with an IG, member of Congress or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if you lie or knowingly make false accusations to the IG, you will be subject to disciplinary actions.

e. Confidentiality: In accordance with Army Regulation 20-1, paragraph 1-12, the IG has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This requirement to protect confidentiality is true for all persons who ask the IG for help, make a complaint, contact or assist an IG during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with an IG representative.

5. The point of contact for this policy is the undersigned at 301-400-2306.

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