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SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison Italy (USAG) Policy Letter #6, Family Advocacy Program

1. References.

a. DoD Instruction 6600.06, Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel, 21 August 2007 (Administrative Reissuance Incorporating Change 1, 9 July 2015).

b. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 13 September 2011.

2. The following standards are established for the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Italy and the satellite sites of Del Din and Camp Darby in Livorno.

3. The men and women of the U.S. Army uphold the highest tradition of respect, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These values, however, can be destroyed by family violence.

4. All Commanders are responsible for being attentive to the prevention of family violence and must demand the same from their subordinates. Leaders have direct and day-to-day contact with their Soldiers and their Soldiers' Families. Sensitive leaders recognize when their Soldiers show signs of anxiety or tension that could lead to physical, emotional, or sexual abuse of Family Members and intimate partners. Caring leaders also know how to spot signs that indicate that their Soldiers are being victimized.

5. The FAP is a Commander's program focused on the prevention of family violence and prompt reporting, investigation, and intervention when abuse does occur. Leaders should refer Soldiers who are at-risk for child abuse or domestic violence to FAP for educational and prevention services to include parenting, stress or anger management, and couple enrichment programs.

6. Per AR 608-18, all company level and above Commanders and senior enlisted advisors must attend the mandatory FAP Briefing from the FAP Manager within 45-days of assumption of command or responsibility. This briefing will empower Command teams by outlining their roles and responsibilities, and the tools and resources available in the FAP.

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7. It is imperative that commanders encourage and allow fathers, step-fathers, or intimate partners who fall into the New Parent Support Program (NPSP) target population to participate in their services to help promote healthy parenting skills and prevent child abuse and neglect. Participation by fathers in the NPSP can help them understand their child's development and readjust to the role of being a father after periods of separation.

8. Every Soldier, employee, and member of the military community is encouraged to report information about known or suspected child and domestic abuse. Commanders, law enforcement personnel, medical treatment personnel, and Child, Youth, & School Services personnel are required to report known and suspected abuse. The 24-hour reporting point of contact is the military police, who will accept reports of both child abuse and unrestricted domestic violence. In each case, a Soldier's commander will be notified and an investigation initiated. The FAP Victim Advocate, FAP Manager, health care personnel, and behavioral health providers can take restricted reports of domestic violence.

9. All personnel will accord alleged abuse victims and offenders their rights under the law. Victims have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and with a respect for privacy and to be reasonably protected from the accused offender. FAP recommends that commanders immediately consult with their judge advocate to consider whether a 72-hour no-contact order should be imposed following incidents of child and domestic abuse until a Social Work Services Provider can make a safety assessment.

10. All commanders can make a positive difference in reducing Family violence by establishing trust, offering support, encouraging non-violence, and providing solutions to problems. By referring at-risk Families to the FAP prevention programs, commanders might prevent a family situation from escalating to a crisis ending in violence.

11. Address questions to the USAG Italy FAP Manager at DSN 634-7489.

12. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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