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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) Policy Memorandum  
DFMWR-5, Family Advocacy Program

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Department of Defense Memorandum, Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse, 22 Jan 06.
- b. Army Regulation 608-18, The Family Advocacy Program, 30 Oct 07.
- c. Community Family Service Center Memorandum, Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse, 26 Apr 06.
- d. Department of Defense Instruction 6400.06, Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel, 20 Sep 11.

2. PURPOSE. This policy establishes procedures for the JBM-HH Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP).

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to every Soldier, family member, and employee of the JBM-HH community and all partner agencies; to include Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserves.

4. POLICY.

a. Family violence, including child and spouse abuse, and violence perpetrated by a single Soldier against an intimate partner, adversely impacts morale and readiness. Commanders/supervisors and Soldiers must understand the dynamics of family violence and the tools and programs available to reduce the frequency of such violence.

b. It is the policy of this command to support the FAP mission. The FAP assists commanders/supervisors in preventing child abuse, neglect, intimate partner violence; protecting victims from further abuse; and helping Soldiers and family members to change abusive behavior patterns.

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c. The JBM-HH FAP seeks to intervene with families at the earliest point to preserve the family unit and protect the quality of family and community life. This can be accomplished through a comprehensive program of educational and therapeutic services. Social workers in Behavioral Health Services at the Rader Army Health Clinic are available to provide therapeutic services. Commanders must ensure Soldiers scheduled for such services are present for each appointment.

## 5. PROCEDURES.

a. AR 608-18 directs all commanders and encourages all members of the community to report any suspicion of spouse and child abuse. Reports shall be made immediately to the Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC) in the jurisdiction where the abuse has allegedly occurred. The 24-hour RPOC for Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall is the military police, at (703) 696-3525. At Fort McNair, reports will be made to (202) 685-3139. The military police will notify the Rader Army Health Clinic Behavioral Health Services at (703) 696-3457 the next business day. In cases of suspected child abuse, the military police and/or Behavioral Health Services will notify the local child protective service agency involved.

b. Restricted Reporting. Adult victims of domestic abuse are afforded the opportunity to use the confidential reporting option known as restricted reporting. Victims may elect a restricted report only when domestic abuse disclosures are made to one or more of the following: Victim Advocates (VAs), the VA's supervisor, military healthcare providers, or FAP clinical social workers. In these specific instances, the VA's supervisor is the Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM).

(1) If the victim discloses the domestic abuse incident in the presence of anyone other than the specified individuals listed above, this negates the restricted reporting option.

(2) Victims who make a restricted reporting inquiry to Military OneSource, Soldier and Family Life Consultants, or their affiliate providers will be provided an appropriate referral to a Victim Advocate, who will assist the victim with restricted reporting requirements.

(3) If the victim discloses a domestic abuse incident in the presence of an offender, this negates the restricted reporting option.

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c. Unrestricted Reporting.

(1) Victims of domestic abuse who want to pursue an official investigation of an incident should use current reporting channels. The RPOC is the military police at (703) 696-3525.

(2) Upon notification of a domestic abuse incident, the Military Police will offer VA services to the victim, to include the 24/7 JBM-HH Victim Advocate Hotline number (703) 919-1611.

(3) Whenever possible, the Military Police will contact the VA while the victim is present and provide an appropriate referral.

(4) Domestic violence-related blotters will be emailed to the Chief, Social Work Services and the FAPM.

(5) At the victim's discretion/request, a forensic medical examination will be conducted if deemed appropriate. The VA will coordinate the exam with INOVA Health Care System in Fairfax and/or other designated facilities. If a forensic exam is not warranted, the victim will be offered medical treatment at the nearest military treatment facility.

(6) Details regarding the incident will be limited to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

d. Commanders will:

(1) Ensure Soldiers are trained in the nature and consequences of domestic violence and proper reporting procedures.

(2) Attend commander training within 90 days of assuming command.

(3) Cooperate with efforts by the FAP to protect victims and rehabilitate offenders. This includes: 1) ensuring Soldiers are properly advised of their rights; 2) attending the Family Advocacy Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings; 3) considering case manager and CRC recommendations when taking or recommending disciplinary actions, such as issuing "Military No-Contact Orders"; and 4) affording Soldiers and family members every opportunity to comply with such recommendations.

(4) Provide Army Community Service (ACS) FAP with a copy of all "Military No-Contact Orders" and "Civilian Protective Orders"

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(5) Be aware of the Transitional Compensation Program (TCP). This program authorizes transitional compensation payments for dependents of Soldiers when a Soldier has been administratively discharged from service; or discharged from service and/or forfeited all pay and allowances by court-martial for dependent abuse that occurred on or after 30 November 1993. In situations of alleged dependent abuse, commanders shall contact FAP personnel for guidance on the procedures to establish entitlement to TCP.

(6) Commanders should also be aware of the New Parent Support Program-Home Visitation (NPSP-HV). The NPSP-HV provides support to families through a comprehensive combination of services before and after a child's birth to include: home visits, parent education, parent/child bonding and playtime, child development, and information and referral. The NPSP-HV is an important voluntary program that is designed to increase parental skills and reduce incidents of child abuse. Both mothers and fathers are encouraged to participate in the NPSP-HV.

e. Please contact the FAPM at (703) 696-1200 to schedule FAP briefings and trainings.

6. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The POC is the FAPM, (703) 696-1200.

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