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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Heidelberg (USAG Heidelberg) Command Policy Memorandum # 48, on Sexual Assault

1. References:

   a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 1 February 2006.

   b. AE memorandum, USAREUR Sexual Misconduct Awareness Campaign, 16 April 2004.

   c. USAG Heidelberg Sexual Misconduct Action Plan, 17 June 2004.

2. Sexual assault is a crime that is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). It refers to any actual or attempted sexual touching without consent - to include rape, forcible sodomy, indecent assault, and assault with the intent to commit any of these offenses. It has a devastating and lasting impact on the victim and it tears at the moral fiber of our unit by deteriorating readiness. Sexual assault incidents are incompatible with Army values and run contrary to the Army's high standards of professionalism and discipline.

3. Leaders at all levels will be extremely aggressive and proactive in adhering to the Army policy on sexual misconduct and in ensuring that the proper agencies to provide victim assistance are known and available. All reported incidents of sexual misconduct will be investigated promptly and thoroughly. Victims will be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy. Commanders will consider the full range of appropriate disciplinary actions against anyone who sexually assaults other Soldiers, civilians, or family members.

4. The bottom line is that sexual assault is morally and legally wrong and everyone in this organization is expected to play a vital and proactive role in taking action and preventing such incidents.

/s/
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