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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: POLICY 127 – Implementation of Battalion Level Unit Victim Advocates

1. REFERENCES.

a. The Secretary of the Army's Task Force Report on Sexual Policies, 27 May 2004.
b. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Action Plan, 19 August 2004.
c. Alaract 176/2004, Subject: Interim Guidance, Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, 122030Z Nov 04.
d. Department of Defense, Directive-type memorandum (DTM), (JTF-SAPR-008), Subject: Response Capability for Sexual Assault, 17 December 2004.
e. Commander's Statement on Prevention of Sexual Assault and Treatment of Victims.

2. POLICY. The purpose of this policy is to establish immediate actions for the Installation in regards to implementation of the Battalion Level Unit Victim Advocate (UVA) Program. On 19 August 2004, the acting Secretary of the Army approved the sexual assault prevention and response program action plan and directed that it be implemented throughout the Army as soon as possible.

2. PROCEDURES. The title Victim Advocate for the battalions refers to a Soldier trained as a "Sexual Assault Victim Advocate" by the Family Advocacy Victim Advocate Program. All UVA candidates must be properly screened and have an outstanding duty performance record (see additional qualifications below). Once selected by the battalion commander or his/her designee, the Soldier will be appointed on collateral duty as a UVA and complete the training program. Each battalion will have a minimum of two Soldiers serving as UVAs (1 male/1 female).

3. The selected UVA Soldier will demonstrate stability in personal affairs and must not have a history (past five years) of domestic violence, significant indebtedness, excessive use of alcohol, or use of illegal drugs. The Soldier must not have been punished under the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during the five years preceding the selection. The Soldier must have a minimum of two years of service remaining. The Soldier must be deployable if assigned with a deployable unit with a minimum of one year remaining in the unit. The Soldier must have achieved the rank of SSG or higher, or 1LT or higher. The Soldier selected for UVA duty must

continue to meet standards for selection, and attend annual and on-going training by the Victim Advocacy Program.

4. Training will be conducted in two training phases: (1) Senior leader presentation overview of the program's implementation, and (2) the specific training program curriculum for selected UVAs. UVAs will be instructed on policy definitions, types of sexual assault, prevention efforts, reactions of victims, forensic protocol, victim safety, communication skills/interviewing victims, judicial process, data collection, scenario training, and confidentiality. The UVAs will provide crisis intervention, referral and on-going non-clinical support to the victims of sexual assault. The UVA will also complete required reports on incidents, safeguard documents pertaining to the case, provide statistics and case information to the Victim Advocacy Office and statistical case data to their brigade. The Family Advocacy Victim Advocate Program will have overall responsibility for the implementation and supervision of the UVAs.

5. Sexual assault is a violation of Army Core Values and standards. Leaders will take an active role in eradicating sexual assault within this command. The chain of command will provide a safe and secure environment to ensure victims know their concerns are being addressed while still continuing to protect the rights of the accused. UVAs are critical to ensuring timely and appropriate response to victims of sexual assault.

6. PROPONENT. Family Advocacy, Ms. Linda Moseley at 533-3986/2330.

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