



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 447TH SIGNAL BATTALION
15TH REGIMENTAL SIGNAL BRIGADE
FORT GORDON, GEORGIA 30905

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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1 August 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #10 – Army Substance Abuse Program

1. References:

- a. AR 635-200, Active Duty Enlistment Administrative Separations, 6 June 2005
- b. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program, 2 February 2009
- c. Fort Gordon ASAP Commander's Guide and UPL SOP, October 2008
- d. 15th Signal Brigade Policy Letter # 17, 22 January 2009

2. Purpose: This memorandum establishes the policy on drugs and alcohol in the 447th Signal Battalion. All units will follow the guidance in AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), the Fort Gordon Commander's Guide and the Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) SOP.

3. The legal drinking age in Georgia and Fort Gordon is 21. Soldiers assigned to the 447th Signal Battalion that are under 21 years of age may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages. The blood alcohol content level for an individual to be considered impaired by the U.S. Army is .05 percent. Soldiers who commit alcohol offenses are subject to being processed for separation IAW AR 635-200. Alcohol consumption privileges for student Soldiers assigned to the 447th Signal Battalion are IAW the 15th Signal Brigade Policy Letter #17.

4. Illegal drug use and taking of prescription drugs without a valid medical prescription is prohibited. Personnel suspected of using drugs are subject to testing IAW AR 600-85, section 8-3b. A positive test for the use of any illegal drug indicates a problem that needs to be corrected. Soldiers who test positive for illegal drug use will be processed for separation IAW AR 635-200, Chapter 14.

5. All units within the 447th Signal Battalion, at a minimum, will conduct drug testing on 20% of their personnel monthly and conduct at least one 100% drug test annually. Soldiers will not be exempt from the testing pool due to Leave, TDY, or Hospitalization. Selected personnel who are on Leave, TDY, or are hospitalized will be tested immediately upon return to duty. All 447th Signal Battalion AWOL Soldiers that return to military control will be immediately tested for

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illegal drugs. Soldiers that are selected and present for duty during a scheduled urinalysis will provide a specimen. Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers will be tested upon arrival and added to the testing pool after the initial test has been conducted.

6. Violations of this policy memorandum by any 447th Signal Battalion Soldier provides a basis for disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or adverse administrative action.

7. Point of contact for this action is the undersigned at 791-5841.



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