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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #12: Military Justice

1. References:

a. Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2012 Edition).

b. AR 27-10, Military Justice, 3 March 2011.

c. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 18 March 2008/RAR 4 August 2011.

d. AR 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program, 2 Februarry 2009/RAR 2 December 2009.

e. TRADOC Regulation 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training (IET) Policies and Administration, 19 July 2012.

f. USASC&FG Regulation 27-1, Military Justice, 26 July 2011.

2. This policy applies to all Soldiers within the Special Court-Martial Convening Authority jurisdiction of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade (RSB) and is subject to the reservation of authority established by superior convening authorities.

3. Commanders in the 15th RSB shall consider the entire range of disciplinary tools available to them, including administrative measures, before resorting to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

4. Authority to refer charges to a Summary Court-Martial is withheld by and limited to the Commander, 15th RSB. This reservation in no way limits Battalion Commanders' designation as Summary Court-Martial Convening Authorities for purposes of any Army regulation or policy.

5. Authority to dispose of alleged misconduct by individuals in the grade of E-7 is withheld by and limited to the Commander, 15th RSB. Subordinate Commanders are reminded that disposition of any alleged misconduct by individuals in the rank of E-8 and above is reserved by the Commander, USASIGCoE&FG.

6. Disposition of the following types of alleged misconduct is withheld by and limited to the Commander, 15th RSB:

a. Initial disposition for rape, sexual assault, forcible sodomy, and attempts to commit any of these offenses. Initial disposition includes the following actions: summary court-martial, nonjudicial punishment, adverse administrative action, and no action. Preferral of charges is not an initial disposition. Any action other that preferral of charges or forwarding the case to me is prohibited; however, subordinate commanders may take other immediate actions, including, but not limited to: responding to victim requests for expedited transfer; providing for victim support; issuing military protective orders; approving search authorizations; providing investigative coordination; and ordering restraints on liberty."

b. Domestic violence

7. Subordinate commanders may forward other types of alleged misconduct to the Commander, 15th RSB, when additional command emphasis is desired. Commanders seeking exceptions to this policy will submit a written request. Failure to adhere to the provision of this policy will not confer any benefit on any individual accused of an offense.

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