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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Suicide Awareness and Prevention, #2012-006

1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion
- b. AR 40-216, Neuropsychiatry and Mental Health
- c. DA PAM 600-70, Army Guide to Prevention of Suicide and Self-destructive Behavior
- d. DA PAM 600-24, Suicide Prevention and Psychological Autopsy

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy is applicable to all units that will be mobilized, demobilized, assigned or attached to Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC).

3. PURPOSE: This establishes policy regarding suicide awareness and prevention and establishes a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program and Task Force.

4. POLICY:

a. Suicide is not an isolated phenomenon and not merely a "mental health" issue. On the contrary, suicide awareness and prevention is an integral part of total force readiness. Thus, suicide awareness and prevention is the responsibility of every leader, supervisor, Soldier and civilian of this command.

b. As part of that effort, I hereby establish the CSJFTC Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (SPP) and the CSJFTC Suicide Prevention Task Force (SPTF).

5. The CSJFTC Suicide Prevention Program (SPP) will:

a. Provide suicide prevention education and awareness for both military and civilian leaders, managers, and supervisors at CSJFTC. This program will train personnel in suicide risk identification and in procedures for crisis intervention and referral.

b. Provide for the concentration of mental health and unit ministry team resources to assist units and members, as required, following the suicide of a Soldier or Army civilian.

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c. Make provisions for the coordination of services provided by military and civilian agencies, such as the Community Health Service, unit ministry teams, the American Red Cross, and other such agencies, as appropriate.

6. The CSJFTC Suicide Prevention Task Force (SPTF) will:

a. Consist of the DPCS, the DPTMS, the Installation Chaplain, the PAO, the PMO, the CJA, the CSJFTC Suicide Prevention Officer, the CSJFTC Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) Officer, and the CSJFTC Safety Officer. Vacancies in any such position will be filled, without delay, by the Deputy Commander for CSJFTC. Primary directors and special staff members may designate an officer under their supervision to serve in their stead on the CSJFTC SPTF.

b. Plan, implement, and manage the CSJFTC SPP in accordance with applicable Army regulations and guidance and the CSJFTC SPP Implementation Guidance (after approving same at the first CSJFTC SPTF meeting).

c. Identify at risk individuals and procedures for crisis intervention and follow-up.

7. Suicidal gestures and attempts by Soldiers will be closely monitored by leaders at all levels. Leaders will ensure that a Soldier identified as a suicide risk is placed on suicide watch and seen immediately by a mental health physician. Leaders will also notify the unit or installation chaplain to help with follow-up. The Soldier will remain on suicide watch until competent authority determines the Soldier is no longer a risk to himself or others in the unit.

8. Soldiers are encouraged to self refer. Seeking help will be looked upon as a sign of effectively dealing with problems and of strength. The CSJFTC Suicide Prevention Officer, to be recommended by the SPTF after its first meeting, should be considered first point of contact for self-referral.

9. Suicides and suspected suicides will be reported immediately to the PMO for preparation of a Serious Incident Report.

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10. AUTHORIZATION: POC for this policy is SSG Whaley 601-299-3242.

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