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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATZT-MWR-A (608-18)

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy # 40-01, Domestic Abuse Incidents

1. REFERENCE. AR 608-18, Family Advocacy Program.

2. PURPOSE. To provide command guidance concerning military personnel and their family members who are involved in spouse abuse and child abuse incidents.

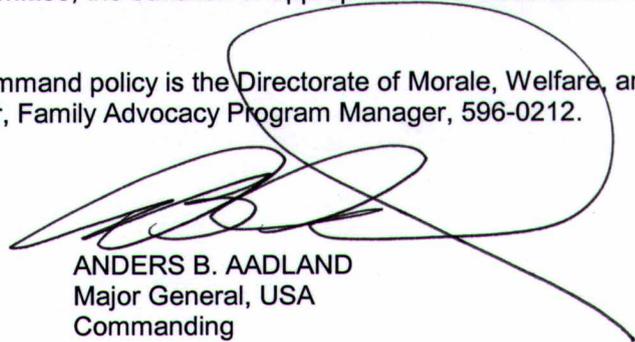
3. POLICY/PROCEDURES.

a. Physical or sexual abuse of a spouse or child is against the law, as is child neglect. AR 608-18 imposes a duty on medical and social service care providers, educators, childcare providers, law enforcement personnel, and certain others to report all incidents of abuse, and strongly encourages all others to report such incidents. Child abuse and neglect will be reported to the Law Enforcement Command, telephone 596-6141, and to the Missouri Child Abuse Hot Line, telephone 1-800-392-3738. Spouse abuse will be reported to the Law Enforcement Command, 596-6141.

b. All military personnel identified as experiencing domestic conflicts will be required to participate in counseling and education programs as prescribed by the Case Review Committee (CRC) IAW AR 608-18. Participation by family members in such programs is voluntary, but highly recommended. Participation may be a court-imposed requirement should the case be handled by the Magistrate. Family member's failure to participate in such programs, however, may result in eviction from government quarters or being barred from post.

c. Participation in the rehabilitation program takes precedence over all other activities. Commanders will ensure time is scheduled for their military personnel to participate. Upon referral of an abuse incident report to the Case Review Committee, the battalion or appropriate level commander will be notified of the abuse incident report.

4. PROPONENCY. The proponent for this command policy is the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DMWR), ATTN: Mr. Melvin McNair, Family Advocacy Program Manager, 596-0212.



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