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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Garrison Policy 05, Use of Vapor Producing Devices

1. Reference.

- a. AR 600-63, (Army Health Promotion), RAR 7 Sep10.
- b. 21 U.S.C. § 321 (rr) (1).
- c. 18 U.S.C. § 13 (Assimilative Crimes Act).

2. Purpose. To provide guidance regarding the use of all vapor producing devices including but not limited to electronic cigarettes.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel, including appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, as well as family members, visitors, volunteers, or contractors in Fort Leonard Wood facilities.

4. Policy.

a. This memorandum is to alert all military and civilian personnel on Fort Leonard Wood about the safety concerns regarding a new type of product. Electronic cigarettes, also known as "e-cigs" and vaping devices are battery-operated devices which often take on the appearance and functionality of conventional cigarettes. The e-cig contains a cartridge filled with glycerin, which is delivered to the user as a vapor. Water vapor is emitted from the end of the device to mimic the appearance of smoke. Advertisements claim an electronic cigarette is a healthier way of smoking. There are no health warnings on these products similar to those seen on convention cigarette packages.

b. Manufactures offer cartridges and liquids with decreasing levels of nicotine with the concept that they can be used to help someone quit smoking. No traditional studies have been conducted which demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of these products as tobacco cessation aids. The Food and Drug Administration is currently considering regulations regarding the sale and use of these devices.

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c. Due to the nature, appearance, and safety concerns of electronic cigarettes, they are considered to be in the same category of tobacco products and may not be utilized in any public government building on the installation. Further, the use of these devices may not occur within 50 feet of the entrance to any such facility. While the devices emit water vapor, they often produce smells which can be offensive to others in tight spaces.

d. Civilian employees who wish to participate in smoking cessation programs sponsored by General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital may do so by using their sick or annual leave. Managers and supervisors will continue to encourage and support employee participation in such programs.

e. This memorandum does not cancel nor supersede other instructions wherein tobacco use is controlled because of fire, explosive, or other safety considerations.

f. Punitive Effect. Violation of this policy by military personnel is punishable as an offense under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violation by any other person may subject the violator to adverse administrative action, debarment from the installation, and / or prosecution under reference 1c above.

5. Proponent. The Army Substance Abuse Program is the proponent of this policy. Point of contact is Army Substance Abuse Program Manager, COMM (573) 596-0119.


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