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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: TAG Policy Letter #25, Service Member Medical Injuries

1. It is my intent that all KSNG Soldiers and Airmen who are injured and either in hospital care or awaiting treatment, return to duty or return to their home as quickly as possible. They should be in the same or better condition than when they reported for duty where possible. We must aggressively monitor their care just as we would our own family members.

2. Effective immediately the following responsibilities are assigned:

a. Joint Force Headquarters:

(1) All personnel who are injured in combat operations will be visited within 72 hours of arrival in CONUS by a KSNG senior leader to check on their medical condition, family care and potential issues in either area. All other injured Soldiers or Airmen will be visited as soon as absolutely possible. These visits will be coordinated by the Chief of Staff – LC for Army personnel, and by the Deputy JCS for Airmen.

(2) The State Medical Section will track the status of Army Service Members, including when they entered into medical care, date and time of each change in medical status, any issues raised by the caregiver, the patient or the family. The Air Wings will track Airmen. They will determine and document the expected outcome of the caregiver, the patient, the family and our organization including, end state for the injury, timeline and location. An update report will be published weekly and as needed for the Adjutant General and component commanders.

(3) The State Surgeon, in conjunction with the CoS-LC and the Deputy JCS will develop a decision point matrix or chart NLT 15 May 07 to guide the State Medical section in determining when and to whom they should raise issues on medical care of our injured Service Members.

(4) The State Family Program Coordinator's office will ensure they make periodic contact with affected families, on a least a bi-weekly basis.

(5) The State Chaplain will provide personal support where necessary.

b. Major Subordinate Commands & Air Wings:

(1) Make weekly contact with all Soldiers or Airmen still in a Title X status to see if there are any issues with their care or support. Once they are released from Title X status, I still expect their unit of assignment to make contact with them at least monthly to see how they are doing.

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(2) Aggressively monitor each and every service member injured in unit operations. Ensure they feel like they will always be a member of our team and Guard family, which they are.

(3) Report all contact with wounded Soldiers or Airmen up through the chain of command to the CoS-LC and/or Deputy JCS.

3. Additionally, I have extended an invitation to select elected officials to visit our wounded Soldiers or Airmen. Where possible, a military escort will be assigned to visit with them.

4. My expectation is that each Soldier or Airman will receive the best care available, by the Military or other health care providers. The goal is to ensure the fastest recovery and quickest return possible to his or her mission, family and community. Issues that arise regarding treatment and/or recovery that could impede meeting this expectation will be raised immediately to the appropriate command or staff level for the earliest resolution possible.



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The Adjutant General

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