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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: TAG Policy Letter #26, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR) Awareness Policy for the Kansas National Guard

1. Reference Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 6495.01"SAPR Program," dated 6 October 2005, Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6495.02 "SAPR Program Procedures," dated 23 June 2006, The Adjutant General's policy letter #11 Sexual Harassment and policy letter #18 Workplace Violence.

2. Sexual assault is a crime that demeans the value of others, erodes the trust, good order and discipline that are vital to the success of any military unit. The Kansas National Guard will focus on the prevention of sexual assault, effectively implement the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program, and pursuing or assisting with the prosecution of offenders to the fullest extent allowed under either civilian or military law.

3. The SAPR Program defines sexual assault as: "intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of the victim." DoDD 6395.01, October 6, 2005.

4. My policy is clear and unequivocal on the support of the SAPR program. All Soldiers and Airmen of the Kansas National Guard will be afforded the same level of support and treatment in all facets of their membership. Support for this policy is outlined in DoDI 6495.02 Para 5 entitled Responsibilities dtd 23 June 2006.

5. Questions in regards to this policy can be accessed at the following website: http://www.sexualassault.army.mil/content/leader_prevent.cfm, by calling the Inspector General's Office at 785-274-1020, Military One Source for trained counselors at 1-800-464-8107 or through the Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), CPT Robert Parvin at 785-861-3973 or robert.parvin@us.army.mil.

6. This policy letter will be posted on all unit/organizational bulletin boards.

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