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MEMORANDUM FOR All Assigned Personnel, 5th Brigade, 4th Region (ROTC)

SUBJECT: Brigade Policy Memorandum 4 – Use of Alcohol

1. References:

- a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 13 May 2002.
- b. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), 1 October 2001.

2. Let's start with a refresher on the effects of alcohol. One drink for the average person (a 12-ounce beer, five ounces of wine, or one and one-half ounces of 80-proof whiskey) will create a feeling of relaxation. Two and a half drinks in an hour can affect the drinker's judgment and lower inhibitions. Five drinks in two hours will raise the blood alcohol content to .10, the point of legal intoxication in most states. After this amount of alcohol, the average drinker will experience blurred vision, slurred speech, poor muscle coordination, and a lack of rational judgment. It's no wonder that many crimes, domestic disturbances, traffic accidents and other instances improper conduct occur in conjunction with the use of alcohol.

3. ROTC Cadre, whether military, contract or civilian, in large measure, are the Army to the faculty, administrators and students on the college campus. Additionally, our cadets' exposure to the cadre will go far towards determining their view of Army norms and accepted practices. Years of hard work developing our programs and mentoring our cadets can be destroyed by a single alcohol-related incident. Many of our cadets do not meet the minimum age requirements to drink legally and their proximity to activities at which the cadre are drinking not only increases the possibility of crossing the line into improper cadre-cadet relations, but exposes the cadre to legal risk if safeguards are not in place to keep underage cadets from drinking.

4. Because the risks far outweigh any potential rewards, Apache Brigade cadre and staff will not consume alcohol with or around cadets. Any exceptions to this require my personal approval by forwarding a written request that includes all the five W's as well as control measures that will be in place at the event.

5. I will not tolerate driving under the influence of alcohol regardless of where it occurs. The following actions are the likely consequences to any soldier convicted of driving under the influence:

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a. Immediate referral to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Counseling Program for corrective therapy.

b. A written general officer reprimand, administrative in nature will be issued to active duty Army officers, commissioned and warrant, and noncommissioned officers, to include soldiers in the grade of E-4 appointed on orders to corporal.

c. Consideration for administrative reduction per AR 600-200.

d. Bar to reenlistment per AR 601-200.

e. Consideration for administrative discharge per AR 635-200.

f. Revocation of post driving privileges for one year.

6. Obviously, this is a serious issue with me. Don't let all the good things that you have done go down the drain because of an alcohol related incident.



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