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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #6 (Soldiers Participation in Gang or Extremist Organizations and Activities)

1. Reference: Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, 11 February 2009.
2. Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to set policy for 2d Engineer Brigade and tenant organization Soldiers regarding participation in gang and/or extremist organizations and their activities. Gang and extremist organizations and activities have the potential to adversely impact good order, discipline and morale of Soldiers and this command, and to bring discredit upon the Army and this command. Participation in such organizations and their activities by Soldiers is inconsistent with military service.
3. Definitions: For purposes of this policy the following definitions apply:
 - a. A gang is defined as a group, club, organization or association of three or more persons that has as one of its primary purposes the commission of one or more criminal offenses involving controlled substances, crimes of violence, or crimes involving the use of force against another.
 - b. An extremist organization is defined as an organization or activity that advocates racial, gender, or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocates, creates or engages in illegal discrimination based on race, color, gender, sex, religion, or national origin; or advocates the use of force or violence or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights.
4. Policy:
 - a. Soldiers assigned or attached to the 2d Engineer Brigade are prohibited from participating in gang or extremist organizations and activities. Soldiers who violate this policy are subject to adverse administration action and/or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
 - b. Examples of prohibited gang or extremist organization activities include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) Participating in public demonstrations or rallies.

(2) Attending a meeting or other activity with knowledge that the meeting or activity involves a gang, or extremist cause, when it constitutes a breach of law and order, when violence is likely to result, or when in violation of an off-limits prohibition or a commander's order.

(3) Fundraising.

(4) Recruiting or training of members.

(5) Creating, organizing, or taking a visible leadership role in such an organization or activity.

(6) Distributing literature on or off a military installation which advocates or supports extremist causes, organizations, or activities and when such literature presents a clear and present danger to the loyalty, discipline, or morale of military personnel, or when the distribution of literature would materially interfere with the accomplishment of a military mission.

(7) Placement of flags, posters, or symbols associated with gangs or extremist organizations or causes in barracks rooms or USARAK facilities.

5. Subordinate commanders may prohibit military personnel from engaging in other activities the commander determines will adversely affect good order, discipline, or morale within the command.

6. Commanders and first line leaders must ensure that all Soldiers are aware of the negative impact gang and extremist organization activities can have on them, their unit, and the Army and encourage any Soldier who has knowledge of such activity to report it to their chain of command or the military police.

7. The point of contact for this memorandum policy is Brigade Legal Office, (907) 384-0651.

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