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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Memorandum SJA-02 - Relief for Cause of Commissioned and Noncommissioned Officers and Limitation of Exercise of Disciplinary Authority by Subordinates

1. Relief for cause of commissioned officers:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-20, Army Command Policy, para 2-17, requires that action to relieve an officer from any command position will not be taken without first obtaining written approval of the first general officer in the chain of command.

b. The requirements of AR 600-20, para 2-17, concerning relief for cause are hereby extended to all captains and above and to all warrant officers in the rank of CW2 and above, whether or not in command positions.

2. Relief for cause of noncommissioned officers:

a. Action to relieve a command sergeant major, sergeant major, first sergeant, or master sergeant will not be taken without the Commanding General's prior written approval.

b. Action to relieve sergeants first class, staff sergeants, or sergeants must be approved in writing by the first colonel commander or above in the chain of command.

3. While pending investigation or decision to relieve, any commander may temporarily suspend their subordinate commissioned, warrant, or noncommissioned officers from assigned duties, provided that prior notice is given to the Commanding General and the Staff Judge Advocate. During periods of suspension, officers will be re-assigned appropriate duties commensurate with their rank. Suspensions and re-assignments will be in writing.

4. The provisions of AR 623-3, Evaluation Reporting System, concerning relief reports remain applicable. United States Army Reserve and Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) personnel are governed by AR 135-18, The Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Program.

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5. Limitation of exercise of disciplinary authority by subordinates:

a. Pursuant to Fort Polk Supplement to AR 27-10, para 3-7(d), the exercise of administrative or military justice disciplinary authority over commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted Soldiers in the rank of master sergeant and above is specifically reserved by the Commanding General for all units at Fort Polk. All instances of misconduct involving commissioned officers, warrant officers, or master sergeants and above must be promptly reported to the Commanding General and the Staff Judge Advocate.

b. Offenses involving wrongful use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances will be disposed of at the LTC or higher command level.

6. This policy will remain in effect until superceded or rescinded.


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