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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2018-07-17 (Prioritizing Efforts for Readiness and Lethality (Update 17))

1. References. A complete list of references is at the enclosure.
2. Purpose. This directive modifies certain health and well-being education and debriefing requirements. It also modifies certain law enforcement and physical security policies and procedures.
3. Applicability. This directive applies to the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, the U.S. Army Reserve, and Department of the Army Civilian employees.
4. Policy
  - a. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Information and Education. Commanders, at their discretion, are encouraged to emphasize HIV education and prevention of Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) in areas that are determined as high risk as outlined in Army policy and guidance. However, Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) no longer requires the following:
    - (1) Commanders are no longer required to conduct annual or quarterly HIV education training.
    - (2) Commanders are no longer required to include HIV education in unit training programs or installation master training calendars.
    - (3) Commanders are no longer required to document HIV education training in command training records.
  - b. Army Health Promotion. HQDA no longer requires commanders to publish a health promotion policy.
  - c. Suicide Prevention Review Boards. HQDA no longer requires deployed commanders to convene quarterly Suicide Prevention Review boards in theaters at the corps, division task force, and/or joint task force-level headquarters, or to report findings, initiatives, and best practices to the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1.

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d. Soldiers Under Law Enforcement Control. HQDA no longer requires commanders in charge of law enforcement operations to limit the release of Soldiers under law enforcement control to commanders, command sergeants major, or first sergeants. Military police brigade and battalion combat support commanders (who may be dual-hatted as an installation Provost Marshal (PM) or Director of Emergency Services (DES)), and the Army Command (ACOM), Army Service Component Commands (ASCC), Direct Reporting Units (DRU), and installation PM and DES in charge of law enforcement operations will release Soldiers under law enforcement control only to an officer or noncommissioned officer at least one grade senior to the Soldier and verbally identified by the unit commander when notified that the Soldier is ready for release.

e. Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (AA&E). This directive aligns levels of responsibility, clarifies requirements, and improves processes to provide responsible commanders with a better understanding of AA&E physical security requirements, program implementation, and oversight.

(1) Small quantities of ammunition for mission and operational requirements in conjunction with an assessment of threat and vulnerability conditions may be stored in unit arms storage rooms. HQDA no longer requires commanders to authorize the storage in writing. Remaining standards for storage of this ammunition remain in effect.

(2) AA&E physical security requirements prescribed in Army policy must be properly observed and implemented at all AA&E facilities. Deficiencies that are correctable within 60 days do not require a waiver; however, compensatory security measures must be in writing and approved by the AA&E facility commander or director. AA&E facility commanders or directors requiring more than 60 days to correct deficiencies may request an extension of up to 30 days from an ACOM, ASCC, or DRU commander. Deficiencies not correctable within 90 days require a waiver in accordance with reference g.

(3) HQDA no longer requires senior mission commanders to establish requirements for transport of explosive ingredients off-station. With the approval of the responsible commander or custodian, explosive ordnance disposal teams responding to off-station accidents or incidents will maintain accountability and control of all AA&E (explosives (or ingredients)) in their possession until such items are used or returned to installation-approved AA&E storage locations.

(4) DES, PM, or an activity representative will determine security requirements for commercial AA&E shipments temporarily stored at Army installations and activities based on local conditions. Constant surveillance is required. Granting a secure hold

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does not relieve the carrier of liability. Carrier personnel may be required to remain with the shipment to fulfill transportation security requirements. Other than the driver, installation security forces or an enclosed fenced area with a monitored closed-circuit television can suffice for surveillance measures.

(5) HQDA no longer requires use of DA Form 7281 (reference n) when screening and evaluating personnel for duties involving control of all categories of AA&E. Commanders and directors of AA&E activities will use screening and evaluation procedures prescribed in the Army physical security program (reference i).

5. Proponent. The DCS, G-1 is the proponent for the health and well-being provisions of this directive. The Provost Marshal General (PMG) is the proponent for the law enforcement and AA&E physical security provisions of this directive. The DCS, G-1 and PMG will revise their applicable Army regulations to implement these changes as soon as possible.

6. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulations.



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## REFERENCES

- a. National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, Public Law No. 112-81, Section 533, 125 Stat. 1404 (2011) (codified at 10 USC 1071 note).
- b. National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, Public Law No. 112-81, Section 585, 125 Stat. 1434 (2011) (codified at 10 USC 1561, note).
- c. Department of Defense Manual 5100.76 (Physical Security of Sensitive Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (AA&E)); April 17, 2012; Incorporating Change 1, Effective May 8, 2018.
- d. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5100.76 (Safeguarding Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (AA&E)); February 28, 2014; Incorporating Change 1, Effective May 8, 2018.
- e. DoDI 6490.16 (Defense Suicide Prevention Program), November 6, 2017.
- f. DoDI 6485.01 (Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Military Service Members), June 7, 2013.
- g. Army Regulation (AR) 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives), 5 September 2013.
- h. AR 190-13 (The Army Physical Security Program), 25 February 2011.
- i. AR 190-45 (Law Enforcement Reporting), 27 September 2016.
- j. AR 350-1 (Army Training and Leader Development), 10 December 2017.
- k. AR 350-53 (Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness), 19 June 2014.
- l. AR 600-110 (Identification, Surveillance, and Administration of Personnel Infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus), 22 April 2014.
- m. AR 600-63 (Army Health Promotion), 14 April 2015.
- n. Department of the Army Form 7281 (Command Oriented Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (AA&E) Security Screening and Evaluation Record), 1 September 2009 (hereby rescinded).

Enclosure