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HEADQUARTERS, 3D CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND
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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 3d Corps Support Command (COSCOM) Policy Memorandum #33, Sexual Assault

1. **PURPOSE.** To ensure all 3D COSCOM soldiers, civilian employees, and their family members are aware of the Commander's policy on Sexual Assault.

2. **APPLICABILITY.** Headquarters, 3D COSCOM and all subordinate units.

3. **POLICY.**

a. The Army's policy is that sexual assault is a crime that cannot and will not be tolerated in the United States Army. The Army's policy promotes awareness and education to prevent sexual assault; sensitive care for sexual assault victims; and aggressive, timely, and thorough investigation of all reported sexual assaults.

b. I am committed to the Army's policy and the enforcement of this policy in the 3D COSCOM. Leaders at all levels are responsible for providing a safe and healthy environment for those in their charge, and must take action to prevent sexual assaults, protect and support victims of sexual assault, and take appropriate action against alleged offenders, based on the facts and circumstances of each case. Leaders will create and promote a positive command climate in which victims and witnesses have the confidence in the chain of command to report allegations of sexual assault immediately.

c. Commanders will conduct bi-annual training aimed at the prevention of sexual assaults. Commanders will ensure that all soldiers in their command attend such training. Sexual assault prevention training will reiterate the Army's policy on sexual assault, and explain proper standards of behavior.

d. Commanders must ensure that victims of sexual assault are aware of the medical, legal, and spiritual resources available in their military community that exist to provide victims with immediate medical care, follow-up counseling, and victim assistance. Victims may obtain follow-up counseling from medical providers (social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists), community-based services available through Army Community Services, and from spiritual and faith-based counseling offered by Family Life chaplains. Victim assistance includes consultation with a Victim/Witness liaison, who will inform victims of the *DoD Victim and Witness Bill of Rights* and inform victims of the status of all investigations and prosecutions involving the victim. Commanders must make all medical, legal, and spiritual resources available to victims

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of sexual assault, regardless of the status of the sexual assault investigation. Commanders at all times must treat sexual assault victims with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy.

e. Commanders will ensure that allegations of sexual assault are investigated promptly and impartially and resolved as expeditiously as possible. Commanders will coordinate with the local Criminal Investigative Division (CID) following an allegation of a sexual assault to determine whether CID involvement is necessary. Commanders will also coordinate with their servicing judge advocate as soon as practicable, following an allegation of a sexual assault.

4. 3d COSCOM soldiers will comply with the Army's policy on sexual assaults and treat all soldiers and civilians with dignity and respect. Sexual assaults not only have a lasting impact on the victim, but adversely impact morale and unit cohesiveness, thereby affecting our readiness. I am committed to promoting an atmosphere that provides dignity and respect to every soldier in the 3d COSCOM.

5. SUPERSESSION. N/A.

6. EXPIRATION. This policy memorandum expires 1 August 2004.

7. "Sustaining the Line!"

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