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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the USAG Fort Hamilton Community

SUBJECT: Health Promotion/Tobacco Prevention Program

1. REFERENCE:

a. DOD Instruction 101.15, dtd 02 Jan 2001 – "Smoke-Free DoD Facilities"

b. US Army Regulation 600-63, dtd 20 September 2010 – "Army Health Promotion"

2. PURPOSE: To establish an Army Health Promotion at US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton in accordance with references 1a and 1b.

3. SCOPE: This instruction applies to all military and civilian personnel living, working or visiting US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton.

4. BACKGROUND: Reference 1a mandates smoke free workplaces. It is the Department of the Army policy on Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) to protect all personnel in working environments from involuntary exposure to ETS. Reference 1b requires Army Commands to establish and maintain an effective Health Promotion Program. This Health Promotion Program contains a requirement to establish a Tobacco Prevention Program.

5. DISCUSSION: The Department of the Army recognizes the right of individuals working or visiting government buildings to an environment free of smoke contaminants. Where conflicts arise between the rights of smokers and rights of the non-smokers, those of the non-smokers shall prevail. It also recognizes the right of individuals to smoke, where such action does not endanger life, property, cause discomfort or unreasonable annoyance to non-smokers or infringe upon their rights.

a. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states that involuntary/passive smoking poses a public health risk larger than the hazardous air pollutants from all industrial emission combined. According to the EPA, tobacco smoke contains roughly 47 different chemical compounds, including about 43 carcinogens. In the past, an equivalent of 467,000 tons of tobacco was burned inside buildings in the U.S. every year.

b. Smoking tobacco harms readiness by impairing physical fitness and by increasing illness, absenteeism, premature death, and health care costs. Establishing a standard of a smoke-free environment that supports abstinence from and discourages use of tobacco will enhance readiness.

6. POLICY: The US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton Army Health Promotion/Tobacco Prevention Program will create a safe, healthy and unpolluted work environment. Directors, managers, and supervisors will enforce the provisions of references 1a and 1b, and this instruction.

7. ACTION:

a. Smoking is banned in all buildings of US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton including entrances, vestibules, fire exit stairways, and exterior fire escapes. Indoor designated smoking areas are prohibited; exception being privatized family housing units. (Balfour Beatty Communities housing)

b. Smoking will not be permitted within 50 feet from common points of ingress/egress, windows, and fresh air intake ventilation equipment/ducts in all US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton facilities.

c. The Army Lodge facilities will be designated "smoke free." A patron making reservations will be advised that the Army Lodge is smoke free and does not provide "smoking rooms." Smoking areas will be designated outside, 50 feet from the front entrance and main walkways of the Army Lodge.

d. Smoking is banned from all areas where food is served and where non-smokers eat. This includes the Community Club, the Bowling Recreation Center, and outdoor dining areas. Outdoor areas designated for smoking will not be located in areas commonly used by non-smokers.

e. Smoking is prohibited in all Department of Defense (DOD) vehicles (i.e. cars, vans, and buses).

f. Smoking is prohibited in all child development centers and youth activity facilities. Staff and visitors shall smoke out of the presence or view of children in designated outdoor areas.

g. Health care providers shall not smoke in the presence of patients and/or in the presence or view of children.

h. Tobacco use cessation programs will be made available to smokers. The Medical Clinic will provide encouragement, educational material, and assistance or referral information to personnel desiring to stop using tobacco products.

i. Signs shall be posted at all entrances to buildings and facilities which state that smoking is not allowed except in designated outdoor smoking areas.

j. Military personnel, in uniform, shall not smoke in the presence or view of children.

k. All military, civilian employees and visitors shall adhere to the promulgated Army Health Promotion/Tobacco Prevention Program. Non-compliance with the above and the non-use of "butt cans" will cause forfeiture of smoking rights on the property of that building in all areas. The pollution of cigarette butts on the ground will not be tolerated.

8. ENFORCEMENT: Reference 1b states, "Failure to comply with the prescribed policy subjects Active Army and Reserve Component Soldiers, family members, retirees, and

appropriated and non-appropriated civilian personnel to a variety of penalties. The penalty depends on the nature of the violation, the status of the offenders and other relevant factors. Violation of Army Policies subjects military personnel to a variety of possible administration or disciplinary actions (i.e., counseling, reprimand) and subjects civilian personnel to possible disciplinary actions. Repeat violations can also result in the removal or barring of personnel from activities (i.e., MWR facilities, youth activity center) or barring them from installations."

9. This instruction takes effect immediately. Point of contact concerning this policy is the Safety Officer, (718)-630-4961.

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