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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum #75, Voting Assistance Policy

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 608-20 (Army Voting Assistance Program), 22 Apr 14.
- b. Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 1000.04 (Federal Voting Assistance Program), 13 Sep 12.
- c. National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), FY 2010.
- d. 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff (1986) (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, UOCAVA).
- e. Memorandum, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), 19 Sep 07, subject: Guidance on Implementing Voting Assistance Programs.
- f. Army Voting Assistance Program (AFAP) Instructions, 2014

2. Voting is an important part of the American way of life, and I encourage every Service Member to exercise the rights afforded by our Constitution. We, in uniform, understand the sacrifices required to keep our country free. Let's all do our part in upholding the freedoms we all cherish.

3. This memorandum outlines my intent for the Fort George G. Meade (FGGM) Voting Assistance Program (VAP). This program ensures compliance with the Department of Defense Voting Plan and implements the VAP in this command. The purpose of the VAP is to help Service Members and other eligible individuals register to vote and cast their ballots according to applicable statutes and regulations. The guidance provided by the references must be strictly observed to ensure compliance. Servicing Staff Judge Advocate offices and the Installation Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) can provide assistance in helping commanders apply this guidance while implementing VAPs within their commands.

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4. The primary focus of the program is the traditional voting assistance provided to Service Members, DoD Civilians, and Contractors CONUS and OCONUS, and their eligible Family Members. Individual voting assistance consists of unit Voting Assistance Officers (VAO) providing technical guidance. To obtain further assistance, utilize the Installation Chain of Command.
5. Direct command involvement is required in order to meet these mission objectives and to ensure they are accomplished within the limits of law and policy.
6. The VAP goal is to ensure all Military personnel; DoD Civilians, Contractors and their eligible Family Members are provided information on voter registration and are given the opportunity to exercise this right. Mr. Richard Lee, Directorate of Human Resources, is hereby designated as the Installation VAO leading implementation of this vital program.
7. The program's success is everyone's responsibility. We must make every effort to educate all eligible voters on where and how to cast a ballot in the upcoming elections. Our effectiveness and success depends on adequate training, publicity, planning, preparation, and concerned leaders taking complete ownership for their VAPs.
8. For additional information and assistance, please contact Mr. Lee, telephone 301-677-4209, or richard.lee6.civ@mail.mil.



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