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FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544



## COMMAND POLICY LETTER

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter SJA-1, 1st Cavalry Division Policy on Prevention of Hazing

1. Applicability. This policy applies to all personnel assigned or attached to the 1st Cavalry Division.

2. Policy.

a. The First Team has been and continues to be a values-based organization where everyone is encouraged to do what is right by treating others as they should be treated-with dignity and respect. Hazing is fundamentally in opposition to our values and is prohibited.

b. Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one military member or employee, regardless of Service or rank, unnecessarily causes another military member or employee, regardless of Service or rank, to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, oppressive, or harmful.

c. Tough, realistic training does not constitute hazing. For example, deliberately planned and executed Spur Ride programs should be common across our formations. Spur Rides are a tradition of the Cavalry for Troopers serving in Cavalry units. More importantly, Spur Rides are a series of battle-focused training events designed to test the competence and mettle of Cavalry Troopers and foster professional development. Understanding the purpose behind a Spur Ride should make clear to all that hazing is not an acceptable part of a Spur Ride and will not be tolerated.

d. Hazing is explicitly prohibited by Army Regulation 600-20 and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Hazing in any form has no place in the First Team. Enforcement of this policy is a responsibility of commanders at all levels. Individuals who participate in, allow or condone hazing may be subject to disciplinary action that may include nonjudicial punishment or court-martial.

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SUBJECT: Policy Letter SJA-2, Domestic Violence Withholding Policy

1. References.

- a. Army Regulation 27-10, Military Justice
- b. Army Regulation 600-20, Command Policy
- c. Manual For Courts-Martial, (2012 Edition)

2. Effective immediately, the authority to dispose of allegations of domestic violence is withheld to Brigade Commanders that are Special Court-Martial Convening Authorities (SPCMCA). Immediately following the receipt of any information of alleged domestic violence by any Soldier in the 1st Cavalry Division, the immediate commander will notify their Brigade Commander/SPCMCA and their respective Brigade Judge Advocate of the alleged misconduct. All allegations of misconduct involving domestic violence must be referred to law enforcement for investigation. All allegations of domestic violence will be considered and disposed of fairly and impartially in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and statutes.

3. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Chief, Military Justice at (254) 287-9427.

  
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