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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy on Participation in Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)

References.

- a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 1 February 06.
- b. TRADOC Regulation 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training (IET) Policies and Administration, 30 December 05.
 - c. DLIFLC & POM Command Policy on Prohibited Relationships, 18 November 05.
- 2. I encourage maximum participation in the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program by permanent party and IET personnel. However, I expect permanent party and IET personnel to strictly refrain from engaging in improper relationships. This Command Policy sets guidelines to prevent improper relationships from developing as a result of socialization between permanent party and IET personnel at BOSS events. Personnel who violate references a, b, or c are subject to punitive action.
- 3. First, all participants must know the distinction between lawful social interaction and improper relationships.
- a. Social interaction between permanent party and IET personnel within groups at BOSS events is lawful as long as it complies with the standards of appropriate military demeanor and behavior, and does not lead to the development of improper relationships.
- b. In general, improper relationships are those that are not part of sanctioned activities listed in reference c, paragraphs 6e2-3, are not necessary for the performance of a person's official duties, and which could interfere or be perceived to interfere with a person's official duties. Examples of improper relationships include, but are not limited to: dating; romantic or inappropriate dancing; sexual activities; romantic relationships; sharing living accommodations; gambling; borrowing or loaning money; engaging in business ventures or ongoing commercial transactions; performing personal services; employment; and prearranged meetings outside of sanctioned activities listed in reference c, paragraphs 6e2-3. Improper relationships are specifically defined in reference a, paragraph 4-14, and in reference c, paragraph 6e1-3.

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4. Second, in accordance with a, b, & c above, all rules relating to relationships between permanent party and IET personnel apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including all BOSS events. For example, in accordance with reference b, paragraph 2-4k, permanent party personnel may not give IET personnel rides in their POVs during BOSS events.

5. Third, all participants must recognize whether their behavior qualifies as lawful social interaction or as an unlawful improper relationship, and must diligently refrain from engaging in improper relationships. Contact your chain of command or NCO support channel for any clarification of the above policy.

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