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**MEMORANDUM FOR Professional Education Center (PEC) Faculty, Staff, Students,
and Conference Attendees**

**SUBJECT: Commander's Policy Letter No. 8 – Alcohol, Prescription Medication, and
Substance Abuse**

1. Reference. Army Regulation 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program, 4 October 2024.
2. Purpose. To establish brigade commander's policy concerning the abuse of alcohol, prescription medication, or illegal drugs.
3. Applicability. This is a punitive memorandum. Personnel subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) who fail to comply with this memorandum are subject to punishment under the UCMJ, as well as to adverse administrative action and other adverse action authorized by applicable United States Code sections (including assimilated state law) or the Code of Federal Regulation. Personnel not subject to the UCMJ (Soldiers under Title 32, U.S. Code or Army Civilian Professionals (ACPs)) who fail to comply with this memorandum are subject to adverse administrative action or criminal prosecution as authorized by applicable sections of the United States Code, Code of Federal Regulation, or State Codes of Military Justice, including disciplinary action according to appropriate civilian personnel regulations. Commanders should seek the advice and counsel of their legal advisor when taking actions pursuant to this paragraph.
4. Many off-duty incidents involve the abuse of alcohol, narcotic prescription medication, and illegal drugs. Commanders' and Leaders' understanding of how to enhance the awareness of Soldiers before incidents occur can minimize this situation.
5. Commanders will enforce the following measures:
 - a. Soldiers who reside in the barracks are allowed to have alcohol. However, battalion/company commanders can restrict the possession of alcohol for their Soldiers in the barracks for safety reasons and/or high-risk Soldiers. Violation of this order is subject to UCMJ and/or administrative actions.
 - b. Commanders will appoint an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Officer or Senior Noncommissioned Officer at the battalion/company level. All Alcohol and Drug Prevention Control Officers will remain current on information regarding trends

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associated with Soldier abuse of alcohol, prescription narcotic medication, and illegal drugs.

c. The Battalion/Company Commander or Command Sergeant Major/First Sergeant (or their designated representatives when they are on pass or leave) are the only ones authorized to retrieve Soldiers from the Provost Marshal's Office who are apprehended as a result of an incident involving alcohol, prescription medication, or illegal drugs. Counseling of the Soldier will occur within 24 hours of the incident, and all Soldiers involved in alcohol, prescription narcotic medication, or illegal drug use incidents will be command referred to the Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care (SUDCC).

d. Unit Leaders will query Soldiers about their off-duty plans. They will provide guidance and, if necessary, counseling on safe activities.

e. Any Soldier involved in an alcohol, prescription narcotic medication, or illegal drug abuse incident will be:

(1) Command referred to SUDCC.

(2) Added to the High-Risk Soldier Report.

(3) Subject to additional training to increase awareness of the dangers associated with the excessive use or abuse of alcohol, prescription narcotic medication, or illegal drugs. Commanders will outline additional training for Soldiers involved in said incidents.

f. Commanders will closely scrutinize repeat offenders involved in incidents where the abuse of alcohol, prescription narcotic medication, or illegal drugs to assess the Soldiers suitability for continued service. Commanders will also assess whether leave or pass is in the best interest of the Soldier and Command due to Soldier Safety.

g. Commanders, with the subordinate chain of command present, will conduct an After Actions Review (AAR) whenever one of their Soldiers is involved in an alcohol, prescription narcotic medication, or illegal drug related incident to refine abuse prevention procedures and update the command on the status of the incident.

6. Incapacitation.

a. Soldiers, ACPs, and students at PEC will not consume alcohol during the duty day.

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b. Any Soldier determined to be incapacitated on duty will be subject to Article 112 of the UCMJ. Article 112, Drunkenness of Other Incapacitation Offenses, is defined as a state of alcohol intoxication or drug use which significantly impairs the service member from fulfilling their responsibilities with rational and complete exercise of their mental or physical faculties.

c. Any ACP or Soldier under Title 32, U.S. Code, will be subject to adverse administrative action and/or criminal prosecution as authorized by applicable sections of the United States Code, Code of Federal Regulation, or State Codes of Military Justice.

7. Any individual who discovers an alcohol/drug related incident involving PEC personnel will notify the Brigade/Battalion Command Team immediately. Leadership will then take appropriate action. Any student who is charged with driving while intoxicated by civilian or military law enforcement agencies is subject to additional actions.

8. Commanders will ensure this policy is posted where all PEC Soldiers and employees have access to it.

9. The point of contact for this action is the undersigned at (501) 212-6511 or edward.o.ziembinski.mil@army.mil.



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