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SUBJECT: THE ARMY CAMPAIGN PLAN FOR HEALTH PROMOTION, RISK REDUCTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION (ACPHP)

1. SITUATION: THE RATE OF SUICIDE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2008 REACHED AN ALL TIME HIGH AND 2009 IS TRENDING TO SURPASS THAT OF LAST YEAR. IN RESPONSE, THE VCSA ESTABLISHED THE SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE (ASPTF), A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTERIM ORGANIZATION, AND CHARTERED THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL (ASPC) TO TAKE A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO MITIGATING SUICIDES AND HIGH RISK BEHAVIOR ACROSS THE ARMY. ON 16 APRIL 2009, THE VCSA APPROVED THE ACPHP. THIS DOCUMENT LOOKS ACROSS THE ENTIRE POLICY-DOTMLPF-RESOURCING SPECTRUM TO ACHIEVE A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH TO IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF OUR SOLDIERS.

2. THE ACPHP AND ITS ANNEXES WERE RELEASED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION BY COMMANDERS AND ARMY STAFF. THE CAMPAIGN PLAN WAS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS AND TO PRINCIPAL ARMY STAFF OFFICES ON 23 APRIL 2009. THIS CAMPAIGN PLAN IS POSTED AND AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT THE HQDA G-1 WEBSITE ([WWW.ARMYG1.ARMY.MIL/HR/SUICIDE/DEFAULT.ASP](http://WWW.ARMYG1.ARMY.MIL/HR/SUICIDE/DEFAULT.ASP)).

3. COMMANDERS: ANNEX D OF THE ACPHP PROMULGATES THE VCSA'S GUIDANCE FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF CRITICAL TASKS BY INSTALLATION, GARRISON AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY COMMANDERS. THIS IS A COMMANDER'S PLAN WITH DIRECTION FROM THE VCSA TO IMMEDIATELY OPTIMIZE EXISTING POLICY, PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES. THESE SPECIFIED TASKS MUST BE COMPLETED TO SET CONDITIONS FOR FOLLOW-ON ARMY PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES.

4. ARMY STAFF OFFICES: ANNEX B OF THE ACPHP IS THE TASK SYNCHRONIZATION MATRIX. THIS MATRIX DEFINES SPECIFIC TASKS AND MONITORS IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE INITIATIVES ACROSS THE ARSTAF. THE MATRIX IS EXECUTED, MANAGED AND TRACKED BY THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.

5. THIS IS NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL. THE ARMY SENIOR LEADERSHIP EXPECTS COMMANDERS TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN. THE VCSA

IS ACTIVELY MONITORING ARSTAF IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIATIVES IDENTIFIED IN THE SYNCHRONIZATION MATRIX. THIS CAMPAIGN PLAN REAFFIRMS OUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR OUR GREATEST STRATEGIC ASSETS - SOLDIERS, FAMILIES AND CIVILIANS.

6. PLEASE CONTACT THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION, 703-571-5575 OR VCSASITFOPS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL.

EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.