



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY ACCESSIONS COMMAND
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ATCS-S (385)

JUL 1 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commander, US Army Recruiting Command
Commander, US Army Cadet Command
Commander, US Army Training Center Fort Jackson
Commander, US Army Accessions Command Support Brigade

SUBJECT: CG TRADOC Policy Letter - Lifeguards at TRADOC Swimming Pools and Natural Beaches, dated 9 June 2003

- 1. I want to call your attention to the enclosed memorandum from the TRADOC Commander. The TRADOC commander believes that the elimination of lifeguards at TRADOC swimming pools and natural beaches represents an unacceptable risk.**
- 2. The subject memorandum was directed toward installation commanders considering the elimination of lifeguards at natural beach areas. I believe there is also an implied message to all commanders to inform soldiers of the risk associated with swimming in unsupervised areas.**
- 3. Drowning remains the second leading cause of accidental death for soldiers army wide and current US Army and TRADOC safety regulations require lifeguards to supervise on-post swimming pools and natural beaches where swimming is authorized. I want commanders to ensure that all on-post pools and natural beaches frequented by their soldiers meet the Army standard and that assigned personnel are briefed on the TRADOC commander's guidance.**
- 4. I expect your personal involvement to demonstrate our commitment to the safety and welfare of our soldiers, civilian workforce, and their family members.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis D. Cavin".

DENNIS D. CAVIN
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
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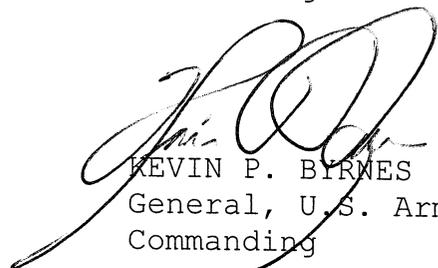
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commander, Army Accessions Command
Commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center
Commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command
Commandants, TRADOC Schools

SUBJECT: Lifeguards at TRADOC Swimming Pools and Natural Beaches

1. I want to call your attention to the requirement in Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program, and TRADOC Regulation 385-2, The TRADOC Safety Program, that requires the presence of lifeguards at all Army-sponsored swimming pools and natural beaches whenever recreational swimming is authorized. Drowning continues as the second leading cause of accidental death of soldiers Armywide. Past experience indicates the risk of drowning increases when lifeguards are not present. I do not view the elimination of lifeguards as an acceptable risk.
2. With the summer season rapidly approaching, need to ensure we are taking the necessary action now to identify, hire, and train lifeguards for our recreational pools and swimming areas.
3. Your personal involvement will reinforce our commitment to the safety and well being of our soldiers, workers, and their family members. I expect your total support.
4. TRADOC--Where Tomorrow's Victories Begin!


KEVIN P. BIRMES
General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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