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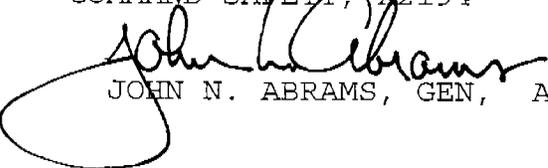
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MG GREEN, MG JUSKOWIAK, MG MAPLES, MG MARKS, MG STEVENSON,
MG VAN ANTWERP, MG WHITCOMB, MR BAUMAN, BG CURRY, BG HICKS, BG NILO,
BG STANTON, DR DAVIDSON, COL(P) WEST, COL BAKER, COL DOWNIE,
COL ENDERLE, COL ENNEKING, COL HAFELE, COL MCNEIL, COL MOLOSSO,
COL RICE, CH(COL) ROLLER, COL SITTNICK, COL SMITH, COL SPEER,
COL WEBER,

INFO FOR MG BARNO, MG CASEY, MG IVANY, MG ROCHELLE, COL SLOTWINSKI
FROM GEN ABRAMS

SUBJECT: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

1. REFERENCES:

- A. DODI 6055.4, DOD TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM, JUL 99.
- B. AR 385-55, PREVENTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 12 MAR 87.
- C. TRADOC REG 385-2, TRADOC SAFETY PROGRAM, 27 JAN 00.

2. THE ARMY RECENTLY EXPERIENCED ITS FIRST FY 03 ACCIDENT FATALITY.

THE ON-POST ACCIDENT INVOLVED A MOTORCYCLE OPERATED BY A SOLDIER.
INITIAL INFORMATION INDICATES THE SOLDIER HAD NOT REGISTERED HIS
MOTORCYCLE ON POST, HAD NOT COMPLETED A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE,
AND DID NOT HAVE A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT ON HIS STATE DRIVERS
LICENSE. THE SPECIFIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS TRAGEDY IS THAT IT
COMES SUBSEQUENT TO THE CSA'S DIRECTION THAT COMMANDERS NO LONGER

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ALLOW SOLDIERS TO DEFER THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE PRIOR TO OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

3. A SECOND MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT FATALITY OCCURRED ON 11 OCT 02 AND WHILE THE CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE THE VICTIM WAS NOT AT FAULT AND HAD COMPLETED THE REQUIRED MOTORCYCLE TRAINING, IT SERVES TO REINFORCE THE HIGH-RISK NATURE OF MOTORCYCLE OPERATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY TRAINING AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

4. DURING THE PERIOD FY 99 TO FY 03 TO DATE, 18 (17 FATAL) OUT OF 92 CLASS A POV ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN TRADOC INVOLVED MOTORCYCLES OPERATED BY TRADOC SOLDIERS OR NON-TRADOC SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO UNITS ON TRADOC INSTALLATIONS. A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THESE TRAGEDIES ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO LACK OF DISCIPLINE AND NONCOMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS. AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT 14 OF THESE ACCIDENTS INVOLVED MOTORCYCLES OPERATED BY LEADERS, E5 AND ABOVE. REFERENCED POLICY AND GUIDANCE REQUIRE ALL MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS TO BE APPROPRIATELY LICENSED IAW WITH STATE MOTORCYCLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN APPROVED MOTORCYCLE RIDER/OPERATOR SAFETY COURSE PRIOR TO OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE ON A DOD INSTALLATION.

5. REVIEW YOUR INSTALLATION POLICY AND PRACTICES FOR ON-POST

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MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION, AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CSA'S DIRECTIVE AND DOD/ARMY POLICY. COORDINATE WITH PAO TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC OF SAFETY TRAINING AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTORCYCLE OPERATIONS ON-POST. ALSO, INSIST UPON THE NEED FOR SECURITY CHECK POINTS TO IDENTIFY AND DENY ACCESS TO MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH EITHER THE LICENSING, SAFETY TRAINING, OR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. ENGAGE YOUR FIRST-LINE LEADERS IN ENFORCING STANDARDS.

6. WANT TO STOP THIS TREND NOW. TAKE WHATEVER ACTION YOU DEEM NECESSARY, BUT GET THE WORD OUT TO YOUR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND JUNIOR LEADERS THAT THIS NEEDLESS LOSS OF LIFE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

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