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MEMORANDUM FOR MILPOs of all States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Requirements for the Unit Risk Inventory (URI) and Reintegration Unit Risk Inventory (R-URI) Surveys

1. References:

- a. Department of the Army Memorandum, Deployment Cycle Support (DCS) Directive Task List in Annex A-3 and Annex B of the DCS Tasks, 26 March 2007 (enclosure).
- b. ALARACT 054/2007, Deployment Cycle Support (DCS) Directive, DTG: R271530Z March 2007.
- 2. The purpose of this memorandum is to impart the requirements for the administration of URI and R-URI surveys within the ARNG in accordance with ALARACT 054/2007. The URI and R-URI survey administration is a required task for each unit per the DCS policy guidance and task list.
- 3. The URI and R-URI are no-cost tools designed to assist commanders in identifying high risk behaviors, aid in targeting education and early intervention strategies, and ultimately increasing readiness and retention.
- a. URI: The URI (administered to non-deployed troops) is an anonymous 53 question survey designed to screen for high risk behaviors and unit retention and readiness indicators. The URI is taken annually by each unit and should be administered no later than 30 days prior to deployment. The URI is an effective tool for incoming commanders to assess the climate within their new unit and should be used to adjust training and prevention efforts to reduce high risk behaviors and increase Soldier readiness.
- b. R-URI: The R-URI is an anonymous 81 question survey designed to screen for high risk behaviors, unit retention and readiness indicators, and attitudes affecting unit readiness and personal well being that may have occurred during deployment or since reintegration. The survey is administered between 60-180 days after redeployment.
- c. Information collected from the surveys provides commanders an overview of a unit's self reported high risk behavior and unit readiness. Commanders are provided with a snapshot of 15 risk factors, allowing them to quickly identify problem areas

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and respond with proper training or support and services. The surveys will give a snapshot of the following factors: accidents, injuries, substance abuse, suicide gestures and attempts, sexually transmitted diseases, AWOL, drug offenses, traffic violations, crimes against persons, crimes against property, spousal abuse and Army environment. The URI will be administered to at least 50% of the assigned unit strength. The R-URI will be administered to 100% of all reintegrating units.

- d. The URI and R-URI point of contact in each state is the Prevention Coordinator (PC) from the Joint Substance Abuse Prevention (JSAP) Office. The PC will be the organizational lead in ordering surveys, training personnel in the administration of the surveys as well as collecting, quality checking, and submitting surveys to the Army Center for Substance Abuse Program (ACSAP) for processing. Once processed, ACSAP will disseminate all survey results to the PC and the State G1. The State G1 will designate one or more individuals to assist in the administration of the URI and R-URI. Each State G1 designee will be trained by the PC at the state level.
- e. The State G1 will forward URI and R-URI results to the State Risk Reduction, Resilience and Suicide Prevention (R3SP) JFHQ council to develop the necessary risk mitigation strategy in response to the unit survey results. The State R3SP JFHQ council may request additional assistance assets from the Director Army National Guard (DARNG) to assist with the risk mitigation strategy.
- f. The ARNG Chief Staff (CoS) will notify the State CoS of any significant risk behavior indicators that exceed the Army Risk Reduction Program (RRP) benchmarks. Upon notification, the State R3SP will have thirty days to provide the DARNG with a unit action plan outlining efforts to address and mitigate the reported risk behaviors.
- 4. Additional information regarding the URI and R-URI is available through the ACSAP portal at: http://acsap.army.mil/sso/pages/public/resources/rr-uri1.jsp.
- 5. The point of contact is LTC Maureen Weigl, Chief, Soldier Family Support Division, at DSN 327-7597, 703-607-7597 or maureen.weigl@us.army.mil.

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