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COMMAND PROCLAMATION

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Prevention Month in the Army - October 2012

In recent years, there has been an upward trend in substantiated cases of domestic violence in the Army. It is important to realize that many causes and conditions contribute to domestic violence, and it takes more than the usual effort to reduce the risk. We should never assume that someone else is solving the problem for us.

Everyone in the Army community needs to know that whether you are an offender, a victim or a bystander, you can act to make a difference. The Army Family Advocacy Program is here to help. The message to everyone in the Picatinny Arsenal community is: Don't turn your back on domestic violence!

Who is supposed to end domestic violence, reduce other stressors, and help eliminate the hopelessness and isolation that many victims caught up in a domestic violence cycle may feel? If we want these things gone from our personal life, and the lives of our friends and Family, if we want these things gone from the Army, then we all have to do some of the work.

Ask yourself: If I see these things in other people's lives, what can I do to help?
All of us are supposed to help prevent domestic violence. What can you do to help prevent domestic violence?

- **Prepare** – by recognizing and solving problems early.
- **Prevent** – by reducing risks and seeking help.
- **Protect** – by taking personal responsibility and reporting abuse.

Contact the Family Advocacy Program at (973) 724-3568 in our Army Community Service office. They are here to help.

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