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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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1 October 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR All 551st Signal Battalion Personnel

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum No. 10 – Withholding of UCMJ Authority

1. References:

   a. Manual for Court-Martial, United States (2012 Edition).

   b. AR 27-10, Military Justice, 11 May 2016.

   c. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014.

   d. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program, 28 December 2012.

   e. TRADOC Regulation 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training Policies and Administration, 18 December 2015.

   f. USASoE&FG Regulation 27-1, Military Justice, 26 July 2011.

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to identify those serious offenses that I, or my personal delegate, will decide on or administrate. It is essential that these offenses be addressed at the Battalion level or higher because of their impact our military and civilian communities. Effective upon receipt of this memorandum, the authority to undertake administrative action or exercise UCMJ jurisdiction over the following offenses, is withheld from Company Commanders and is specifically reserved to me or my personal delegate.

   a. Absent without leave (AWOL) over 24 Hours.

   b. Driving under the influence (DUI), or subsequent alcohol related incidents.

   c. Scheduled control substances; drug paraphernalia, abuse, distribution, exportation, importation, manufacture, possession and use offenses.

   d. Inappropriate or unauthorized relationship between MOS-I, MOS-T and permanent party personnel not required by the training mission.

   e. Alleged misconduct involving Soldiers in the grade of E5 and E6.

3. This authority is subject to the reservation of authority established by FG Reg 27-1 and all other directives issued by appropriate convening authorities.

4. Commanders shall consider the entire range of disciplinary tools available to them before resorting to UCMJ. Subordinate Commanders may refer applicable cases to my level when the offenses fall within the restrictions of paragraph 2, or when additional command emphasis is desired.

5. Commanders will ensure that Soldiers understand the consequences that may result from these actions, and that conduct of this nature will not be tolerated.

6. This order applies to all U.S. Army personnel under the jurisdiction of the 551st Signal Battalion. Commanders seeking exceptions to this order will submit a request in writing to the Commander, 551st Signal Battalion. Failure to adhere to the provisions of this order will not confer any benefit on any individual accused of an offense.

7. Point of contact for this memorandum is the 551st Signal Battalion Paralegal, Mr. Omar Khayyam at omar.i.khayyam.civ@mail.mil or (706) 791-0466.

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