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MEMORANDUM FOR All 49er Battalion Cadre, Staff and Cadets

SUBJECT: Battalion Policy # 4, Suicide Prevention

1. Reference:

- a. Army Regulation 600-63, Army Health Promotion
- b. Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-24, Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention
- c. Department of Defense Directive 6200.04, Force Health Protection (FHP)

2. Purpose: It is the Army's goal to prevent suicide for Soldiers, Family members, and DA civilian employees. Therefore, it is important to redefine the goal of suicide prevention as being suicide risk reduction. Suicide risk reduction consists of reasonable steps taken to lower the probability that an individual will engage in acts of self-destructive behavior.

3. Summary: The success of health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention depends on the concentrated focus of leadership on activities that encompass the physical, behavioral, spiritual, social, and cultural dimensions in their respective communities. The total effect of a solid program is an overall improvement in unit and organizational performance by enhancing individual well-being.

4. Specifics:

- a. To this end, ensure that no Soldier, Army Civilian or Cadet is belittled for requesting assistance from behavioral health professionals and social workers. Leaders will use great care and discretion when sharing information regarding those seeking help.
- b. Each life lost to suicide is one life too many. Each one of us has a role to play in preventing suicides. Annual training and refresher training provides information for intervention. Counseling prior to disenrollment is a measure of prevention.

5. The point of contact for this action is CPT Ramsey at (704) 687-8698.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. McGinnis", is positioned above the typed name.

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