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1. Situation. Domestic and/or child abuse impacts individuals mentally, emotionally, and physically; it interferes with normal and healthy development in children; affects the welfare of the family, as well as the Service member's ability to perform his or her duties. Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) shares responsibility with civilian authorities for investigations and responding to reports of abuse. For this reason a committee of professionals within the military community is needed to provide oversight and recommendation to the Commanding General (CG) in support of Behavioral Health programs and in the education of all Marines, Sailors, and family members on prevention programs benefiting military families. While the Incidence Determination Committee determines if incidents meet certain criteria to be considered an incident and the Family Advocacy Command Assistance Team provides support from the Department of Defense level, the Family Advocacy Committee (FAC) is needed to address the overall trends of domestic and/or child abuse aboard the Combat Center.

2. Mission. In accordance with the reference, the FAC represents the CG, the Behavioral Health Branch (BHB) of Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), and legal, law enforcement, medical, and spiritual services aboard the Combat Center. The FAC meets quarterly to review incidents and trends in domestic abuse; provides guidance to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) manager on prevention and education activities; and advises the CG on the coordination and mobilization of resources in order to reduce incidents of abuse and increase command awareness on behavioral health programs benefiting military families.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The FAC will serve a vital role within the FAP. Committee members will cultivate an awareness of programs available aboard the Combat Center that promote prevention of domestic and/or child abuse; they will know and understand indicators of abuse; and, be mindful of intervention resources and how to access them. Further, FAC will develop and maintain an atmosphere of cooperation among their civilian counterparts in the local community who have expertise in violence prevention and education. Through review and trend analysis, FAC will advise the FAP manager on

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appropriate prevention strategies and educational activities which will give families the tools to build resiliency, alleviate trauma, and reduce the incidences of domestic abuse.

(2) Concept of Operations. The FAP is responsible for responding to domestic and/or child abuse aboard the Installation; developing programs to prevent or reduce the risk of abuse; and ensuring intervention procedures are in place to respond quickly and professionally when abuse occurs. Collectively, members of the FAC will provide oversight to FAP and ensure a coordinated community response (CCR) is achieved when addressing domestic abuse issues, incidents, and prevention programs. The following will be accomplished in this endeavor:

(a) FAC will consist of key personnel who are knowledgeable on the policies and regulations governing the FAP and resources available at the Combat Center which best serve the needs of military families experiencing the trauma of abuse. This multi-disciplinary group will be represented by the following Special Staff or Tenant unit:

1. MAGTF/TC, MCAGCC Chief of Staff (COS) and Sergeant Major.
2. Staff Judge Advocate.
3. MCCA.
4. G-7, Force Protection.
5. Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, Twentynine Palms (NHTP).
6. Religious Ministries.

(b) Committee members will be appointed in writing by the COS and will be required to meet quarterly, and at the special request of the COS. Meetings will be attended by the appointed individual. Should any of the primary members need to be unavoidably absent; the alternate will be identified 48 hours in advance to the COS.

(c) FAC members will ensure Memorandums of Agreement/Memorandums of Understanding exist that govern a coordinated and cooperative alliance between military and civilian agencies; analyze positive and negative trends in domestic and/or child abuse aboard the Combat Center; and, review the annual FAP prevention plan to ensure that policies and procedures are in keeping with the reference in support of the CG's mission to reduce family violence.

(d) The chairperson of the FAC will inform the CG of the procedures, training, policy matters, program evaluation analysis, and pertinent administrative details of FAP.

(e) FAC members will ensure training is provided to unit commanders regarding the role of leaders in identifying indicators of abuse; knowing the FAP services available including the 24-hour-a-day reporting tool to report domestic and/or child abuse; the importance of active duty personnel and family members engaging in FAP activities in order to build resilient families; and how to effectively (and legally) respond to incidents of abuse when they occur within their commands.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. The COS will serve as the Chairperson of FAC and will preside at all meetings. Specific staff sections, offices,

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and tenant commands will ensure the following personnel are appointed as primary members on the FAC and will serve in the following capacities:

(1) MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Sergeant Major. Assist the COS and serve as a representative for the enlisted ranks.

(2) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) MCCA

(a) Marine and Family Programs Director. Represent MCCA and speak to the resources available to military families at the Combat Center.

(b) Head, BHB. Represent all sections within BHB to achieve a coordinated community response.

(c) The FAP Manager. Serve as the primary subject matter expert, coordinate the preparation of appointment letters, and provide logistical support for the FAC.

(d) The FAP Prevention Specialist. Provide status reports on prevention and education activities and identify programs which meet unique needs of the community.

(3) Staff Judge Advocate. The Staff Judge Advocate will provide insight to the committee regarding legal aspects of family violence and liaise as needed with the local justice system.

(4) AC/S G-7, Force Protection. Ensure the Provost Marshall and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Supervisory Special Agent provides law enforcement guidance, updates to reports of abuse, and liaison with civilian authorities.

(5) Commanding Officer, NHTP. Provide information on trends in medical care related to abuse, and the services available to treat the physical impact of abuse.

(6) AC/S Religious Ministries. Identify and provide resources to support spiritual needs of both abusers and victims.

4. Administration and Logistics. Distribution statement A directives issued by the CG are distributed via email upon request and can be viewed at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G1Manpower/AdjutantOffice/Bulletins.aspx>.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel aboard the Combat Center.

b. Signal. This Bulletin is effective the date signed.


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