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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AMCPE-EO (600-20)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Extremist Organizations and Activities

1. I want to reemphasize to all soldiers of the U.S. Army Materiel Command the existing regulatory guidance in AR 600-20 (Command Policy), paragraph 4-12, pertaining to the participation in extremist organizations and activities.

2. The activities of extremist organizations are inconsistent with the responsibilities of military service. Participation by soldiers in specific enumerated actions is prohibited and is a violation of the Army's Equal Opportunity Policy. Military personnel, duty bound to uphold the Constitution, must reject participation in organizations which:

a. Espouse supremacist causes.

b. Attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

c. Advocate the use of force or violence, or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

3. Prohibited activities concerning extremist groups include the following:

a. Participating in a public demonstration or rally.

b. Attending a meeting or activity with knowledge that the meeting or activity involves an extremist cause while on duty, when in uniform, when in a foreign country, or in violation of off-limits sanction or commander's order.

c. Conducting fund raising activities.

d. Recruiting or training members (including encouraging other soldiers to join).

e. Organizing or leading such a group.

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f. Distributing literature advocating or supporting extremist causes, organizations, or activities that present a clear danger to loyalty, discipline, or morale of military personnel, or if the distribution would materially interfere with the accomplishment of a military mission on or off a military installation.

4. Commanders should take positive and immediate actions when soldiers in their units are identified as being involved with, or in extremist organizations, or engaged in extremist activities.

5. I am confident that all members of AMC will continue to maintain their high level of professional behavior and courtesy while serving proudly in America's Army.

PAUL J. KERN
General, USA
Commanding

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