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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Ethics

1. Ethics is the backbone of the U.S. Army Materiel Command's mission and vision. Ethics is that core value by which we establish respect, confidence, and trust among ourselves, with our contractors, and with the American taxpayer.
2. Congress has passed laws so that the public can be confident that all Government employees will adhere to certain standards of conduct. The President has charged the Office of Government Ethics to provide the necessary regulatory guidance for these laws and related matters. We are expected to know what these laws and regulations require of us, and to comply. However, the social and business interactions that we engage in among ourselves and with others can create complicated situations where we might not be sure what to do. To help us, there are Ethics Counselors in legal offices throughout the command responsible for our ethics training, advice and counsel.
3. I expect each of you to have a basic understanding of the rules, and to take them seriously. I expect you to attend any required training and to pay attention to the ethics information that is published by your ethics officials. If you are required to file a financial disclosure report, I expect you to do so forthrightly and timely (within 30 days of your appointment to the position that requires such filing, and during the annual filing seasons). Most importantly, I expect you to be sensitive to issues created by gifts (among ourselves or from outside sources), our personal and official relationships with private organizations, stock ownership, seeking employment, and outside activities such as off-duty employment, speaking, teaching and writing. When you come across any of these issues, seek the advice and counsel of your ethics official *before* you act.
4. We exist to support the soldier. Ethics is the linchpin by which we are able ultimately to accomplish this mission.
5. AMC -- America's Arsenal for the Brave.


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