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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 21st Theater Support Command Policy Letter 6, Responsibility to Support Family Members

1. Reference, AR 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody and Paternity, Nov 94.
2. I am very concerned about the number of soldiers failing to provide proper financial support to their family members as outlined in AR 608-99. Nonsupport, if substantiated, may subject a soldier to administrative and/or disciplinary actions.
3. I expect all soldiers and commanders to understand the DA policy on support to family members. As a leadership issue, Company Commanders will respond to any claim of nonsupport within 14 days and inform the first field grade commander in all instances of a repeated failure by a soldier to meet their financial obligations to family members.
4. Company and detachment commanders will counsel all newly assigned soldiers in an unaccompanied status within 30 days to ensure that appropriate support is being provided to the soldier's family. I have enclosed a sample memorandum for commanders to use during this counseling. After identifying specific support obligations, commanders will explain to their soldiers how they can best meet those obligations. Commanders should also encourage soldiers to make payments by voluntary allotment since this method entails the least amount of paper-work for the soldier and best guarantees that the family will receive the required support.
5. Commanders and leaders will help ensure confirmation of proper family support by reviewing the monthly unit commander's finance report. This should assist in quickly identifying situations that require a change in the amount of a soldier's family support payment (e.g., a promotion, pay raise, early return of dependents or receipt of a valid court order, etc.).
6. I challenge commanders, command sergeants major, and first sergeants to be proactive in addressing nonsupport. Know your soldiers and their families. Identify all soldiers with family support obligations during their unit inprocessing and brief them on the DA policy.

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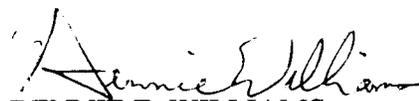
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7. Let's take care of our family members to ensure that they receive the appropriate financial support.

8. The point of contacts are the Inspector General, 21st TSC, 484-7075 and the Staff Judge Advocate, 21st TSC, 483-8848.

9. FIRST IN SUPPORT!

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1. Reference, AR 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody and Paternity, November 1994.
2. An unaccompanied assignment places tremendous pressure on soldiers and families. Your chain of command is here to help, and there are several other agencies, which can also assist, if needed (e.g., Legal Assistance, Army Community Services, etc.).
3. Although other agencies and organizations can assist you, your family is primarily your responsibility. The Army and I expect you to:
 - a. Provide adequate and continuous financial support to your family. Keep good records to show the amount of support that you have provided to your family.
 - b. Comply with all court-ordered support obligations. If you are separated due to marital problems, you are obligated to continue to provide support, unless you have a separation agreement that specifies no support or meets an exception established in the above-referenced regulation.
 - c. Stay in touch with your family.
4. I understand you are currently required to support the following family members (w/address):
 - a.
 - b.
 - c. (add more if necessary).
5. Are you required by court order to support anyone else?
Yes/No
If so, whom _____

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- 6. I strongly encourage you to fulfill your financial obligations to your family by means of an allotment and provide me with a copy of the paperwork. I will also help you determine your financial obligations or refer you to the Legal Assistance Office for advice.
- 7. I must inform you that failure to provide the required financial support to your family members may lead to adverse administrative and/or UCMJ action.
- 8. I hope you enjoy your assignment to this command. My goal is to take care of you and your family members.

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK

I acknowledge receipt of this memorandum.

SIGNATURE _____
NAME

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