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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

ATSA-TPY

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 7 - Battle Buddy System

1. The Battle Buddy System – pairing of Soldiers of the same sex for mutual assistance and support – helps to reduce stress, teaches teamwork, develops a sense of responsibility for fellow Soldiers, and improves safety. The Battle Buddy System protects Soldiers and cadre from sexual assault/harassment, discrimination, and reduces the risk of suicide. Team members will help one another in all aspects of training. The Battle Buddy System applies to all Soldiers in training at all times, on and off post, on and off duty. Commanders will establish a Battle Buddy System for all 2-6 ADA Soldiers in training IAW the following guidelines.

2. Platoon Sergeants (PSGs) will assign Battle Buddy teams as part of reception and integration into their assigned platoons. After an initial observation, PSGs may reassign teams in order to pair Soldiers who have training challenges with those who are meeting or exceeding the standard.

- a. PSGs will inform Soldiers on the purpose and rules of the Battle Buddy System.
- b. The Battery Commander will approve Permanent Battle Buddy team changes.
- c. Whenever possible, Battle Buddy teams should participate in training, details, and other activities together.

(1) Battle Buddy team integrity is desired but not required. Teams should be at all formal/scheduled together, when inside the Battalion (BN) AO, and when working under direct supervision of cadre. They should also pull fireguard and CQ together. Battle buddy teams are required during all formal/informal training events, additional details (i.e. fireguard/CQ), during cadre counseling, when inside the BN area, or any other event on the installation.

(2) The only exceptions are for sick call, individual appointments, and chapel attendance. At these times, other Soldiers going to the same areas may team up together, regardless of Platoon. Regardless of the situation, there will always be a minimum of two females or two males together, and at no time will a Soldier of the opposite sex be paired together. No Soldiers will travel anywhere on the installation without a Battle Buddy.

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(3) Battle Buddy Teams are required when outside the Battery areas, both on and off duty. If the assigned Battle Buddy is not available, the Platoon Sergeant will form a temporary team. Three-Soldier teams of the same gender are allowed. In the absence of a same gender Battle Buddy; a male may not be paired with female Soldiers, or a single female Soldier paired with male Soldiers.

(4) Counseling and other trainee/cadre conferences are conducted in Battle Buddy teams. At no time will cadre counsel AIT students without a Battle Buddy present.

(5) In areas such as the PX, Battle Buddies will remain in visual contact and close proximity.

(6) PSGs will make every effort to provide those Soldiers with English as a Second Language (ESL) or who have successfully completed the ESL program with a Battle Buddy who is fluent in English.

(7) This policy is punitive in nature, and failure to comply may result in adverse administrative action or non-judicial or judicial punishment under the UCMJ.



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