

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

2ND BATTALION, 6TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BUILDING 1614, RANDOLPH ROAD FORT SILL, OK 73503-5000

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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 17 – Withholding command authority and UCMJ jurisdiction for misconduct by Soldiers in the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6)

- 1. Effective immediately, the approving authority for UCMJ or nonjudicial punishment and action for all misconduct committed by Soldiers in the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and above is withheld from subordinate commanders. The battalion commander will conduct action for Staff Sergeants. The commander of 30<sup>th</sup> ADA BDE withholds the authority for action on misconduct by Sergeants First Class and Master Sergeants not serving in 1SG positions. The Commanding General, Fires Center of Excellence, withholds the authority for action on all misconduct committed by NCOs fulfilling the duties of 1SG or CSM regardless or rank, Sergeants Major, Warrant Officers, and Officers. All offenses for SSGs along with the initiated solutions will be reported directly to the commander, 2-6 ADA BN through the proper chain of command and as soon as the subordinate commanders are aware of the incident.
- 2. Subordinate commanders will continue to possess authority to finalize UCMJ or nonjudicial punishments for offenses committed by Soldiers of the ranks E-5 and below. Subordinate commanders along with the brigade trial counsel may be consulted as needed.
- 3. This policy memorandum does not affect a subordinate commander's requirement to flag Soldiers of any rank involved in misconduct. The final approving authority of all actions initiated by the subordinate commanders is the appropriate commander from paragraph 1 of this memorandum. Subordinate commanders possess the right to request jurisdiction from the battalion commander for SSGs.
- 4. The POC for this memorandum is the brigade trial counsel, CPT Rebecca Ashby, at 580-558-1096 or rebecca.s.ashby2.mil@mail.mil.

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