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REPLY TO
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Policy Memorandum #18

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy on Motorcycle Safety

1. I am concerned about the safe operations of motorcycles by V Corps soldiers. Too many soldiers take risks that lead to grave consequences. Motorcycles do not provide the level of personal protection that an automobile can. In a low speed accident, the chances of being seriously injured or killed are great. The most common types of motorcycle accidents are **Collision with Another Vehicle**, **Failure to Negotiate a Corner**, and **Head-On Collision**. Maturity and experience can reduce the possibility for accident and injuries. Leader involvement is critical in minimizing the number and severity of accidents.

2. Company/Detachment Commanders, 1st Sergeants and first line supervisors must be actively involved in the licensing and screening process of motorcycle operators. Leaders must use the "Oak Tree Counseling" to make an assessment of their soldier's awareness of the hazards of operating a motorcycle, and play an active role in mitigating risks.

3. Commanders will maintain a list of their soldiers that are USAREUR licensed motorcycle operators and that they have attended the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course. At enclosure is an example spreadsheet that can be used to maintain the list of individuals that have the USAREUR motorcycle license. The information listed in this example spreadsheet is the minimum information that will be maintained at the company/detachment level. USAREUR Policy Memorandum #3 will be utilized for leave and pass of soldiers to assure POV risk assessments for soldiers occur. Once a temporary motorcycle license is issued, soldiers must complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider's Course within 60 days of receiving the license. An extension of the temporary license beyond 60 days will be granted by commanders on a case-by-case basis and will only be granted one time. It is the responsibility of the unit and the individual soldier to assure that they schedule and complete the MSF Course as soon as possible.

4. If you have subordinates who ride a motorcycle, look them in the eye and ask them if they know the motorcycle safety rules. Use of the buddy system to pair experienced motorcycle riders with beginners is highly encouraged. For all vehicle operators, your permit to operate is a privilege and not a right. I expect commanders and operators to remember that your permit is granted commensurate with degree of responsibility you display.

5. Riders, be responsible and take steps to prevent yourself from becoming a statistic. Commanders and leaders can direct their motorcycle riders to the following website: http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/services/safety/newsafety/motorcycle/_private/motorcycle_survival_skills.htm.

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