Subject:

RE: HQDA G9 Sends -- AR 600-92, Army Suicide Prevention Program

Subject: HQDA G9 Sends -- AR 600-92, Army Suicide Prevention Program

Importance: High

Army Leaders:

The Army today published AR 600-92, Army Suicide Prevention Program, our service's first standalone suicide prevention policy. This publication can be found at https://armypubs.army.mil/.

This new, comprehensive, integrated policy formalizes the Army's public health approach to suicide prevention that was introduced in 2021. This approach is designed to strengthen protective factors and reduce risk factors that may lead to harmful behaviors. Complementary unit and senior commander implementation guidebooks were published in Fiscal Year 2022 and are available at the following link: https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/suicideprevention/pages/LeaderResources.html.

These products are the culmination of a lot of hard work by the Headquarters, Army Staff and commanders, leaders, and suicide prevention/resilience professionals throughout the Army.

As a reminder, the Army's Lethal Means Safety Communication materials are available at: https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/ard/Lethal-Means-toolkit.html, and the Army's Suicide Prevention awareness campaign "Not Every Fight is On the Battlefield" can be found at the following link: https://marcomcentral.app.pti.com/lronmark/ARDmaterials/login.aspx?uigroup_id=591698

In addition, earlier this year the Army fielded the new Ready and Resilient (R2) awareness campaign: "Prepare. Perform. Succeed." These materials highlight the numerous resilience trainings/resources available through the Army's R2 Performance Centers. Resilience, of course, is a protective factor that buffers against life's stressors that may lead to harmful behaviors and suicide.

Thank you in advance for your leadership in ensuring the successful implementation of this policy, the Army Suicide Prevention and the R2 programs.

I, along with the Secretary of the Army, the Acting Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Sergeant Major of the Army, believe these efforts will continue to significantly strengthen our culture and climate while reducing suicide in our formations.

v/r Kevin

Kevin Vereen LTG, US Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G9 HQDA

Office: 703 693-3233 DSN: 312 223-3233 Cell: 202 815-6616