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1. References:

- a. AR 608-1, Army Community Service Center, 19 September 2007.
- b. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 18 March 2008.

2. The Family readiness system consists of the unit Family Readiness Group (FRG), the Rear Detachment (RD), the Family Assistance Center (FAC) and related support operations. This policy provides guidelines on establishing and sustaining a Family readiness system to ensure a centralized, fully coordinated effort during all phases of a deployment cycle, routine training exercises, disaster, and garrison operations.

3. Family Readiness Groups (FRGs). The FRG is an official Army program established pursuant to AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, and AR 608-1 Appendix J, Army FRG Operations. Unit commanders at all levels are expected to establish and/or support FRG operations. As a company level operation, the FRG is a command sponsored organization of all assigned Soldiers, DA civilians, volunteers, and their Families that together provide mutual support and assistance and a network of communications among the Family members, the chain of command, and community resources.

4. Commanders will register their FRG with Army Community Services (ACS). Commanders will ensure that Family member volunteers within the FRG leadership are appointed as FRG leader, co-leader, fund custodian, alternate, and key callers. Volunteers are to register with the installation Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator. Commanders are to ensure that appropriate FRG training is completed for each FRG volunteer position. All FRG leaders and co-leaders will complete a 9-hour FRG training and obtain a Department of the Army Training Certificate. All other mission essential FRG volunteer positions will attend designated training. Frequency of training is a command decision. The ACS will have on file all registered FRGs, copies of appointment orders, memorandum of authority, current telephone numbers on unit FRG leaders, key callers, and fund custodian and alternate and completed training of all FRG volunteers.

5. A registered FRG is authorized to raise funds in support of FRG activities. A FRG is classified as a formal fund organization and may operate on the installation without being a private organization. FRG funds will be managed IAW appropriate regulations. In accordance with AR 608-1 Appendix J, Army FRG Operations, the fund custodian and alternate must not be the unit commander, a deployable Soldier, or the FRG leader. Unit commanders and FRG leaders should be aware of this regulation in regards to funding the FRG and resources available. All fundraisers are to be held internally on an installation and submission of approval is required. The FRG fund custodian and alternate will appointed in writing and held accountable for any loss or misuse of funds.

6. The Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) serves as a resource to the commanders and FRG leaders. The role of the FRSA is to provide administrative support to both commanders and FRG leaders in support of Family readiness programs and activities.

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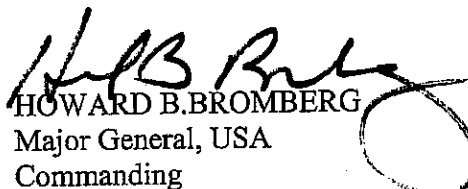
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6. (Cont) The actual tasks performed are dependent upon unit needs, command direction, FRSA's position description and number of FRGs. The FRSAs will keep Rear Detachment Commanders (RDC) aware of major problems affecting Families of mobilized or deployed Soldiers. The Installation FRG Liaison will serve as a resource and liaison to the FRSAs providing guidance on FRG issues and will provide all FRG training.

7. Unit commanders will ensure seasoned leaders who are capable of handling the breadth and variety of deployment issues are identified to serve as RDC. When possible, unit commanders will pre-select one or more personnel who may serve as RDCs during routine deployments. All Rear Detachment personnel will be trained. The ACS will conduct monthly training and as needed to meet commanders' needs for trained and ready Rear Detachment personnel. The ACS will ensure Reserve and National Guard component personnel are included in the training as necessary.

8. The Mobilization & Deployment Coordinator will serve as the Family Assistance Center Officer and coordinate FAC operations.


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