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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR Small Arms Weapons Clearing Policy

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. References:

- a. Soldier Training Publication (STP) 21-1-SMCT, Soldier's Manual of Common Tasks Skill Level 1, 1 October 1994.
- b. STP 21-24-SMCT, Soldier's Manual of Common Tasks Skill Levels 2-4, 10 October 1992.
- c. USAREUR Pamphlet 385-15, Leaders Operational Accident-Prevention Guide, 25 July 2002.

2. USAREUR Pamphlet 385-15 prescribes weapons clearing procedures and clearing-point requirements to be used in USAREUR areas of operation. Commanders and other leaders will enforce the following clearing procedures and standards for light-weapons clearing stations:

- a. Clearing barrels must be constructed according to the instructions in USAREUR Pamphlet 385-15, paragraph 49c. Only the USAREUR Safety and Occupational Health Office may approve alternate clearing devices.
- b. Clearing barrels and devices must be placed in areas that will ensure weapons can be cleared immediately when appropriate.
- c. "Clearing" procedures are not the same as "unload" procedures. Clearing procedures are the steps necessary to verify that a weapon is safe. Clearing procedures must be performed according to the weapon's technical manual. Instructions for the M9, M16 and M4, M249, M240, and M60 are in USAREUR Pamphlet 385-15, STP 21-1-SMCT, STP 21-24-SMCT, and other United States Army Training and Doctrine Command military occupational specialty STPs.
- d. Clearing procedures must be posted at the clearing site for ready reference.
- e. The two-person rule must be used when clearing a weapon. A qualified second person, preferably a person senior in rank, will observe the clearing procedure for accuracy.

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3. Commanders will ensure soldiers are proficient with a weapon before issuing an individual weapons cards. Comprehensive preliminary marksmanship training must be conducted by all units before range qualification. Soldiers must be competent and confident in handling their weapons.

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