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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military and Civilian Personnel in the Army in Europe

SUBJECT: Army in Europe Command Policy Letter 1, Equal Opportunity

1. This memorandum supersedes memorandum, USAREUR, AEPE-UEO, 5 November 2014, subject as above.
2. References:
  - a. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy.
  - b. Memorandum, HQDA, SASA, 14 October 2015, subject: Army Directive 2015-39 (Inclusion of Sexual Orientation in the Military Equal Opportunity Program).
3. Equal opportunity is an essential element of readiness at all levels of command and contributes to unit cohesion and mission accomplishment. A work environment that promotes equal opportunity and fair treatment for all Soldiers, Civilian employees, and Family members is vital to the accomplishment of the mission.
4. Acts of prejudice and discrimination, whether resulting from subconscious bias or deliberate intent, are indications of insensitivity and unfairness and are detrimental to our organization and our mission. Commanders, supervisors, and all other members of the Army in Europe must work as a team to eliminate bias and promote a healthy organizational climate to motivate and maintain a well-disciplined workforce.
5. As the USAREUR Equal Opportunity Officer, I fully support the Army's policy of equal opportunity based solely on merit, fitness, and capability. I expect all leaders to ensure the equal and fair treatment of all personnel without regard to color, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, and to provide an environment free from unlawful discrimination and offensive behavior.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Hodges".

FREDERICK "BEN" HODGES  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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