

SUBJECT: Soldier and Family Readiness Groups (SFRGs)

1. Purpose. To provide guidance regarding SFRG status and operations.

2. Status.

a. SFRGs are official “command sponsored” programs of the Department of the Army

(AR 608-1, para 4-7). The primary purpose of an SFRG is to disseminate command information and ensure personal and family readiness.

b. An SFRG is a commander’s program formed in accordance with AR 600–20 and appendix J to provide activities and support that encourage self-sufficiency among its members by providing information, referral assistance, and mutual support.

c. SFRG activities are supported using appropriated funds and government resources to the same extent as any other command program.

d. 10 U.S.C. § 1588(e) authorizes the Secretary of the Army to accept voluntary services from individuals supporting SFRGs and to reimburse these volunteers for certain incidental expenses incurred in providing such voluntary services.

3. Fund-raising.

a. SFRGs, like all other command programs, are prohibited from soliciting gifts. Unsolicited

gifts offered to SFRGs must be processed for acceptance as a gift IAW applicable Army regulations.

b. SFRGs possess limited fund-raising authority. The only authority for a "command-sponsored organization" to fund-raise is in support of an informal fund, as described in AR 600-20, paragraph 4-21. Any fund-raising in support of an informal fund must comply with AR 600-29, paragraph 1-5.

4. Relationships with Private Organizations.

a. There is no legal objection to individuals establishing POs that share the goals and objectives of SFRGs. These POs would be permitted to fund-raise in accordance with the Joint Ethics Regulation, AR 600-29, and AR 210-22, as applicable.

b. To prevent potential conflicts of interest, if such POs are established, their leaders must consist of different persons than the SFRGs' leaders/managers.