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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2023-12 (Ask, Care, Escort (ACE) Suicide Prevention Training)

1. References.

a. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 6490.16 (Defense Suicide Prevention Program), 6 November 2017, incorporating Change 3, effective 2 February 2023

b. Army Directive (AD) 2018-07-7 (Prioritizing Efforts—Readiness and Lethality (Update 7)), 25 May 2018 (hereby rescinded in part)

c. Army Regulation (AR) 600–63 (Army Health Promotion), 14 April 2015

2. Purpose. This directive rescinds AD 2018-07-7, in part, by establishing Ask, Care, Escort (ACE) as the prescribed suicide prevention training for the U.S. Army. The objective of suicide prevention training is to support the development of knowledge on suicide-related, help-seeking behaviors and stigma; protective and risk factors; stressors and warning signs; early and crisis intervention; and postvention principles.

3. Applicability. The provisions of this directive apply to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.

4. Effective immediately, ACE suicide prevention training is the primary required training on suicide prevention across all Army components.

5. Proponent. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) has oversight responsibility for this policy and will ensure that necessary internal controls are in place to comply with this directive. Within 1 year of the date of this directive, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 will incorporate the provisions of this directive into AR 600–92 (Army Suicide Prevention Program).

6. Duration. This directive is rescinded on publication of the new regulation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine E. Wormuth", is positioned above the printed name.

Christine E. Wormuth

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