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FW: HPW program pending orders

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Subject: RE: HPW program pending orders

SFC Forbes,

Thank you for this. I first want to be clear that our initial discussion was about the SDI self-assessment tool last week and not the Bridge Athletic fitness tool. I also said that it is not an 'Army' requirement. That is not to say that it isn't your commander's requirement. In your case, your commander exempted you from the SDI assessment.

In order to move forward with any additional assistance with the HPW program / assessment at 528th or any other issue, I will need to link you up with an IG who will do a more formal intake with you. We do this to ensure proper protections are in place for you and anyone involved in the complaint. This process will also allow you to clearly describe what you want the IG to do for you. Please let me know if you want to proceed with IG assistance and I'll get the ball rolling for you.

V/R,
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Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:34 AM

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Sir

This is very similar to what I addressed with you last week and you commented via our tele convo that was not mandatory and my BDE CDR exempted me (via email) from attending due to the privacy concerns it mandatorily invites into SM lives.

That said, I am attempting to get more information for you, but having a little difficulty. Please see the attachments, which include the unsigned OPORD that is currently in implementation as seen by the attached email from our BDE Staff PSG and the cell phone policy which most, if not all have signed.

I know there is another forced survey (consisting of using IPADs with APS on them that ask, "spiritual, cognitive" and behavioral questions online from come ATL company per the POTFF website and a SM who took it. The Order states SMs have to provide a civilian email account, must participate using at least one outside provider app on there personal phone and use a QR Code (on a personal phone with a third party corporation called Bridge[unk]...). Also, I attended the MI BN Physical Pillar of in-brief this morning and the "Coach" had commented that there is "no problem in using the app offline while you are at work." I spoke up and commented that, "Ma'am, these are actually intel Soldiers and they work in a building in which they cannot take personal electronic devices in." she commented, "Well, that sucks." Mind you she is in a building in which she has her phone and it is forbidden and I know of no ETP for this HPW program. We may need to request a sweep here soon.

I will read more this weekend. I printed DODD 6490.03 and .04 and attempt to get more information Monday. I am heading to LDS at some point to see what they think.

I have contacted LDS and they are expecting me any day. i have begun a congressional draft complaint but only just begun.

Attached the OPORD ← DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS A FINAL but they are administering the program as seen by the email also attached.

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SFC Forbes, I would need more details of the program to provide any kind of an answer. I recommend reaching out to your HPW team with your questions. They can probably answer your questions faster than I could. We are happy to help, however, so if you have a complaint or concern, we will send you an IG Action Request and I'll link you up with an IG to assist you.

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Sir:


I have heard of a program that is going to require a civilian email account to be provided and also mandatory use of a QR code (which would require a camera; likely on a phone) to be used to track your activities at home maybe. What regulation drives this program? Having a hard time finding it.

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