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SUBJECT: Hearing Conservation Command Emphasis Letter

b. Commanders and NCOICs must also ensure that all military and civilian personnel who are routinely exposed to hazardous noise environments receive an annual, pre- and post-deployment hearing tests and attend an annual health education class related to hearing conservation, IAW AR 40-5 and DA Pam 40-501. Routine exposure is defined as weapons qualification once per year and motor pool/transportation noise. Any noise-exposure greater than 85dBA or 140dBp is considered noise-hazardous.

c. All leaders are required to set the example within their units and workplaces; e.g., wear the earplug case with earplugs on the front right belt loop of the ACU. Ensure hearing protection is inserted properly prior to blank or live round noise-exposure. Hearing Program Officers must educate the leadership and inspect earplug fit prior to rodding the weapon on a POR range.

d. Each company element, IAW DA PAM 40-501 will have a designated Hearing Program Officer. This appointed individual may be an Officer or an NCO. The Unit Hearing Program Officer will identify themselves to the Installation Hearing Program Manager.

6. PROPONENT: The proponent for this policy letter is the Hearing Program Manager at telephone 526-2939.

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