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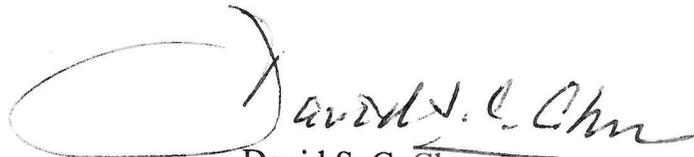
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SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

As we begin our 2007 observance of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I am pleased to announce the publication of DoD Instruction, 6400.06, "Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel." This Instruction declares the Department's policy to prevent domestic abuse in our military communities, provide for the safety of victims, hold abusers appropriately accountable for their behavior, and coordinate the response to domestic abuse with the local civilian community. It incorporates and cancels all of the domestic abuse-related directive-type memoranda issued by the Department since 2001 and may be accessed at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/>.

With this policy foundation, we must continue our efforts to develop coordinated community responses to domestic abuse. As you plan commemorative events, I call on leaders at all levels to reflect on how far we have come while recognizing that our job is not complete until we eliminate domestic abuse in our military communities.

  
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