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SUBJECT: RED BORDER LETTER #2 - Iowa National Guard Policy on Abuse of Alcohol and Drugs

1. This letter sets out my policy regarding substance abuse in the Iowa National Guard. It is applicable to all officer and enlisted personnel in the Iowa National Guard. This policy shall not expire unless rescinded or superceded in writing.
2. Abuse of alcohol and use or abuse of drugs has no place in the Iowa National Guard. I expect soldiers and airmen in the Iowa National Guard not to abuse alcohol, not to possess, abuse, or distribute drugs, and not to condone such activities in the unit or work place. I expect commanders to take administrative and disciplinary action in accordance with Army Regulations or Air Force Instructions and the Iowa Code of Military Justice regarding Iowa National Guard personnel who abuse alcohol or drugs.
3. Soldiers and Airmen will be subject to unannounced tests for illegal substances in accordance with Army and Air National Guard policy and regulation. Units and personnel will comply with the instructions of the testing teams.
4. Commanders are responsible for ensuring that soldiers or airmen within their commands do not perform military duty under the influence of alcohol, whether consumed during or prior to duty. Alcohol will not be glamorized nor made the center of attention at any military function.
5. I encourage all personnel who need assistance in overcoming a drug or alcohol problem to seek appropriate assistance and to inform their chain of command. Commanders are expected to comply with applicable instructions or regulations regarding personnel who seek assistance to overcome a drug or alcohol problem.

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The Adjutant General

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