



Executive Force Preservation Board

8-Day Vignettes

12 September 2012

Unclassified



Vignette #1

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- Who: GySgt, MOS 8411/6469
 - Production Recruiter/Program Specialist
 - DCTB: 9 Jul 09
- What: Self-inflicted GSW to the head
- When: 1 Jul 12
- Where: SNM's residence
- Stressors: Separated from spouse & living in separate residence; potential divorce



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- Summary of Events (Medical/Mental History)
 - Seen eight times by Psychologists and a Neuropsychologist (Nov 09-Jun 12) during RS tour
 - Prescribed : Depakote, Trazodone, and Prozac
 - Discussed three times during FPC (Medium risk)



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- Summary of Events (Personal/Performance History)
 - Troubled marriage
 - Reassignment due to marital issues and pressures associated with SNCOIC billet
 - Command actively engaged
 - Directs marriage counseling
 - Confiscates SNM's personal weapons



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- Summary of Events cont'd
 - 1 Jul 12: SNM commits suicide with a weapon
 - SNM recently purchased another weapon
- Lessons Learned
 - Review/revise SDA screening; increase involvement from the parent command
 - Review/revise method to transfer mental health information between commands



Vignette #2

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- Who: Sgt, MOS 3051
 - Warehouse Clerk
 - DCTB: 16 Jan 08
- What: Self-inflicted GSW to the head
- When: 12 Jul 11
- Where: SNM's residence
- Stressors: Pending Medical Board for musculoskeletal problems; divorced; alcohol disorder



Vignette #2

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- Summary of Events (Medical/Mental History)
 - SNM being treated for and undergoing a PEB for chronic back and stomach conditions
 - Over a period of 41 months, SNM was prescribed 17 medications on 22 occasions
 - Majority of prescribed medications were not consumed
 - Medication obtained from multiple sources (Military/Civilian healthcare providers)
 - SNM attended Early Intervention Course and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention and Control course for alcohol disorder
 - SNM was identified as low risk



Vignette #2

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- Summary of Events (Personal/Performance History)
 - Divorced within two years of marriage
 - SNM didn't disclose divorce to the command
 - Continued receiving BAH w/dependents for 3 years till SNM's death
 - SNM placed on LIMDU and command commenced PEB process
 - SNM had history of integrity violations



Vignette #2

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- Summary of Events cont'd
 - 12 Jul 11: SNM commits suicide with a weapon
 - SNM sent text message to his father
- Lessons Learned
 - SNM had extensive medical history and abused alcohol; command must understand Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
 - Abused alcohol while taking medications; SNM's force preservation category should have been elevated
 - No indications or warnings to command, family or friends; Intrusive leadership was required
 - Increase communication between command and healthcare providers