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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (ROI)  
(DCATS 20190708-059010-CASE-01)  
(Case 19-00020)

**NAME / POSITION:** Lieutenant General (LTG) Bradley A. Becker, Former Commanding General (CG), Installation Management Command (IMCOM), Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), Fort Sam Houston, TX

**ALLEGATION / FINDING:** The allegation that LTG Becker failed to show in himself a good example of virtue and honor and failed to guard against and suppress all dissolute and immoral practices, by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a woman, not his wife, in violation of Army Regulation (AR) 600-100, Paragraph 1-7(d) and Title 10 U.S. Code 3583 (renumbered as 10 U.S. Code 7233, effective 1 February 2019), was substantiated.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. On 11 June 2019, the Department of the Army Inspector General Agency (DAIG) received a notification of an allegation against LTG Becker. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) an anonymous (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) alleged that while LTG Becker was deployed to Iraq in 2017-2018, he met a younger female and established a relationship with her. When LTG Becker redeployed in June 2018, he filed for divorce. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was upset that LTG Becker "dumped" his family this way.

2. On 3 July 2019, the Fort Benning Inspector General (FBIG) referred to DAIG a notification of an anonymous complaint received by that office. The anonymous complainant alleged that LTG Becker recently divorced his wife, but moved his girlfriend into his Government quarters before the divorce. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

[Investigating Officer (IO) Note: The notification of an allegation from the FBIG was received by DAIG on 3 July 2019. However, the complaint was dated 18 May 2019.]

3. On 9 July 2019, The Inspector General directed an investigation by DAIG.

4. On 8 August 2019, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) contacted DAIG again providing additional information regarding LTG Becker. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) indicated that (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) informed (b)(6) that (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) had mailed packages to their Government quarters while (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) still resided in the quarters. The packages included pillows and lingerie. LTG Becker also informed his subordinates when he assumed command of IMCOM in September 2018, that he and

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(b)(6):(b)(7) were separated and that he did not want her invited to any spouse events. (b)(6):(b)(7) also alleged that LTG Becker told (b)(6):(b)(7) that he had "covered his tracks and would get away with it."

[IO Note: (b)(6):(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6):(b)(7)(C) Additionally,  
LTG Becker was promoted from Major General (MG) to LTG within the timeframe of this investigation and will be referred to as LTG throughout the report.]

5. On 9 August 2019, a second anonymous (b)(6):(b)(7)(C):(b)(7)(D) contacted DAIG. (b)(6) indicated that (b)(6):(b)(7) informed (b)(6) that a package arrived to their quarters around Christmas 2018. The package was from a (b)(6):(b)(7) which included a pillow and a note that stated "cannot wait to start our life together." (b)(6):(b)(7) also alleged that LTG Becker also informed his subordinates when he assumed command of IMCOM in September 2018 that he and (b)(6):(b)(7) were separated and that he did not want (b)(6) invited to any spouse events.

6. On 12 August 2019, a third anonymous (b)(6):(b)(7)(C):(b)(7)(D) contacted DAIG. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) of (b)(6):(b)(7):(b)(6):( ) provided images (screen shots) that indicated that LTG Becker was involved in a relationship prior to the filing of his divorce.

(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)

**STANDARDS:** AR 600-100 (Army Profession and Leadership Policy), Paragraph 1-7(d) and Title 10 U.S. Code 3583 (renumbered as 10 U.S. Code 7233, effective 1 February 2019), Requirements of Exemplary Conduct, state all commanding officers and others in authority in the Army are required:

1. In paragraph (1) to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, patriotism, and subordination.
2. In paragraph (3) to guard against and suppress all dissolute and immoral practices, and to correct, according to the laws and regulations of the Army, all personnel who are guilty of them.

[IO Note: The 10 U.S. Code 7233 provision noted above is a numeric revision only; the wording of the law did not change.]

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**DOCUMENTS / TESTIMONY:**

1. On 7 January 2019, (b)(6):(b)(7) filed for divorce from LTG Becker. LTG Becker was served with the divorce document on 19 January 2019 as indicated by The Findings and Conclusions about a Marriage document.

2. The Department of Defense Personnel Search (DPS) record indicated LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7) were married on 28 June 1986. The Final Divorce Order indicated their divorce was finalized on 2 May 2019.

3. On 14 June 2019, DAIG submitted a Defense Enterprise Email request to Defense Information Systems Agency to view LTG Becker's Non-Secure Internet Protocol Router/ Secure Internet Protocol Router (NIPR/SIPR) email accounts. LTG Becker's government account emails did not reveal any improper communications or relationship.

4. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) testified:

a. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)

b. In March 2019, LTG Becker (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) informed them that he was getting a divorce from his wife, (b)(6):(b)(7). He informed them that the action had been contemplated for a couple of years and the divorce paperwork was already in motion. LTG Becker stated he met (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) at the American Embassy in Iraq.

c. She believed the Becker's divorce was finalized the end of April 2019. Up until the divorce, (b)(6):(b)(7) occupied Government quarters with LTG Becker at Ft. Sam Houston. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) did not arrive in the States until the end of May 2019.

d. LTG Becker married (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) on 3 June 2019. She never observed any public display of affection (PDA) between LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) before they were married.

e. She was not aware of any talk around the office regarding LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7). People in the office were not aware that LTG Becker was involved in any type of relationship. Only a few people were aware that he was divorced. She believed it was 8 June 2019 when LTG Becker, at a change of command ceremony, introduced his new wife; a lot of people were surprised (because they did not know he was divorced).

f. Based on (b)(6) knowledge of LTG Becker, she would be surprised if he did anything improper. (b)(6) honestly believed that LTG Becker was aware that questions regarding his new marriage would come up because events happened so quickly. He was very cautious and by the regulation. He would not do anything illegal, and would insure his divorce was finalized before (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) came to the States. (b)(6) opinion was based on her knowledge of LTG Becker.

5 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

a. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) He was not aware if LTG Becker had an Aide while he was deployed to Iraq.

b. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was LTG Becker's spouse when he was (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) He was not aware of any rumors regarding LTG Becker and his new spouse. He had no idea LTG Becker had a new spouse.

6 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

c. He never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) engage in any PDA, nor saw or heard about any inappropriate conduct or discussions between the two. He did not see them alone together after normal duty hours.

d. LTG Becker was housed in the Staff Diplomatic Apartments. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was housed in a different part of the Embassy grounds.

e. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) traveled with LTG Becker. He did not recall (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) ever traveling with MG Becker.

f. LTG Becker never discussed with him any type of relationship he had with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Periodically, LTG Becker mentioned (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) He (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) met (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) when he was on temporary duty (TDY) in (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) with LTG Becker. Everything appeared to be okay between the two.

g. No one ever raised a concern to him regarding an actual or perceived relationship between LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C). He never had a reason to believe there was an inappropriate relationship between the two.

h. By her actions, (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) appeared to be fond of LTG Becker; she wanted to get his attention. He came to this conclusion by the way she acted, talked, and smiled when she was around him. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) actions were never overt, always subtle, not enough for LTG Becker to correct her. He and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) shared the same observations. He was not aware of any rumors or observation by others. LTG Becker communicated with her the same as he communicated with any other member of OSC-I.

i. He was not aware that LTG Becker had married (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) until (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) informed him. LTG Becker did not invite him to the wedding or ever mentioned to him that he was planning to marry (b)(6):(b)(7)(C).

(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)

7. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) stated:

a. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)

b. He never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) do anything inappropriate. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) was a friendly and pretty woman. He saw no reason to be concerned how LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) acted in the presence of each other. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) sometimes brought "sweets" into the office. He did not deny that LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) were friends.

c. He did not hear any rumors concerning a perceived or actual inappropriate relationship between LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C).

d. He was aware of the location of LTG Becker's living quarters, but not the location of (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) quarters. He never observed (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) visiting LTG Becker's quarters.

(b)(6):(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

g. LTG Becker informed him of his marriage to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) after the marriage had occurred. LTG Becker sent (b)(6) a text message that simply stated (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and I got married." (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

8. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified:

a. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6) did not know (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) well. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was an infrequent visitor to the command group area. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) worked closely with LTG Becker and did not observe or hear about an inappropriate relationship or discussions between LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

b. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not observe LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) engage in any PDA. LTG Becker never admitted to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) that he had a relationship with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) or that he had spent the night alone with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) alone after duty hours. LTG Becker traveled with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) not with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

c. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was not aware, did not have a clue, and was surprised, that LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) were married. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) replied repeatedly "oh my God, I did not know." (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was surprised because (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) never saw anything in/outside of the office that would have predicted such an outcome.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

g. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

a. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

b. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) never observed (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and LTG Becker engage in any PDA; did not notice or hear of any inappropriate conduct between the two; did not see or hear rumors that LTG Becker spent the night alone with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) alone after duty hours. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) LTG Becker's travel and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was not on any of those trips. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) always traveled with LTG Becker.

c. She felt that LTG Becker was an outstanding leader. She never observed LTG Becker do anything wrong. LTG Becker was always very professional.

d. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) personality was the same all the time whether she was in the presence of LTG Becker, or not. She was a very likable and outgoing person.

e. No one ever raised a concern to her regarding an actual or perceived improper relationship between LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). She estimated that (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) visited the command group area only about five times during (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) she (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) worked for LTG Becker. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) had been in LTG Becker's office maybe once or twice, but never alone.

f. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) assisted her in setting up the location the food was going to be served. She did not ask but believed (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was assisting at the request of (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) departed the location. She was not aware how long (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) stayed.

g. After LTG Becker departed OSC-I, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) informed her that LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) were married. This was the only rumor she heard about the two. She was surprised, knowing LTG Becker had been married for a long time. She was not invited to the wedding.

10. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified:

a. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) LTG Becker was a very regimental, by the book, and astute general officer.

b. He never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) engaged in any form of PDA or inappropriate conduct. LTG Becker never discussed or admitted to him that he had any type of relationship with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). Additionally, he never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) alone after normal duty hours. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) never traveled with LTG Becker.

c. He felt that (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) had a fondness for LTG Becker. He felt that it was her personality – upbeat happy individual. He did not see anything unusual about her friendly relationship with LTG Becker. She displayed that same relationship with just about all the personnel in the command group, including him.

d. No one ever raised any concerns to him regarding an actual or perceived relationship between LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) from LTG Becker. He passed LTG Becker's room every day. He only observed LTG Becker's sons visiting his apartment.

e. He was surprised when (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) informed him that LTG Becker had married (b)(6):(b)(7)(C). He did not see that coming; he had no clue of any inappropriate relationship. He thought everything was going well with LTG Becker's current family.

11. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) testified:

(b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) very well.

b. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) he had a discussion with LTG Becker and (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) regarding a divorce. He advised them against a divorce and informed them that he thought a divorce was a big mistake. He felt that way because he (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) LTG Becker thanked him for his input without further comment. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) was more focused on the wellbeing of LTG Becker himself, (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) He was not aware of any significant problems between the two. He was surprised that a divorce was on the table. He was not invited to the wedding.

12. On 15 July 2019, DAIG received an email from the Command Inspector General (CIG), (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) subject: Senior Official Allegation. The CIG forwarded the following comments from (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) (b)(6):(b)(7)(C)

a. He was concerned that some aspects of LTG Becker's marriage, divorce, and appearance of an inappropriate relationship merit some scrutiny.

b. On 21 May 2019, (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) had movers at his quarters. He noticed that there were also movers at LTG Becker's quarters. He thought that was unusual because LTG Becker just took command in September 2018. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) spoke with (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) who indicated that "her husband was kicking her out."

c. On 8 June 2019, JBSA held the Army Ball. During this event, LTG Becker introduced another woman as his "wife" to the (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) and others attending the event. LTG Becker was recently assigned at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq, where (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) worked.

13. On 16 July 2019, DAIG sent an email to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) to confirm that the information he provided to the CIG, (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) accurately and adequately reflected his concerns, and to determine if he had any additional information that he would like to present. (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) replied by email on 16 July 2019, subject: Concerns Confirmation. He indicated that DAIG had captured his concerns well. The thing that really bothered him was at least the appearance of an inappropriate relationship. It also

seemed very public, so it potentially besmirches the reputation of the entire General Officer Corps. He did not know LTG Becker well, but to say the least, LTG Becker's behavior surprised him. He did not have much more to add.

14. [REDACTED] testified:

a. [REDACTED] She met [REDACTED] several times at social functions and a couple times when she came to the IMCOM office.

b. LTG Becker informed her that he was going through a divorce around 4-5 months ago. She was not sure that LTG Becker's new marriage to [REDACTED] was announced in any public forum.

c. LTG Becker's new marriage did not affect her, the command climate, the IMCOM mission, Army Family Programs, her subordinates, or anybody that she was aware of. When people first became aware that LTG Becker was remarried they said "huh, I didn't know he got divorced." There were not really any rumors except from people who knew him in the past and were not aware that he got divorced and remarried. [REDACTED] was new to the Army way of life. She did not feel LTG Becker's current marriage was a distraction.

15. [REDACTED] testified:

a. [REDACTED] LTG Becker married [REDACTED] about six to eight weeks ago. He first met [REDACTED] in the office a week before seeing her at the Army Ball on 8 June 2019.

b. He understood that [REDACTED] was asked to be present at LTG Becker's wedding downtown. LTG Becker was a very private man. He did not know about [REDACTED] until after they were married. The only rumors or perceptions he was aware of were people saying "Wow, he was with his previous wife, they got a divorce and then he was remarried shortly thereafter."

c. From his standpoint, there has been no negative impact on the mission whatsoever. The command climate was very good. They have gone through some changes over the years and LTG Becker has done a good job; positive, forward thinking, communicating with the workforce through town halls, correspondence, and the service culture campaign. He did not think the majority of the workforce knew about the divorce and it did not impact the command. He has not heard of any rumors or innuendos about the divorce and remarriage and he [REDACTED] does a lot of "walking around" in the command and no one had even mentioned it.

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d. His perception of Army Senior Leaders was that they set the example and treat their spouses with dignity and respect. When he saw (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and LTG Becker together, he felt they were respectful to each other.

e. He did not see a conflict between Army Family Programs and the new marriage. He did not think the new marriage impacted the IMCOM mission in any way.

16. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified:

a. He has been assigned to IMCOM since (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and has only known LTG Becker since September 2018. They have a good professional relationship.

b. He first met (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) in mid to late May 2019. He knew she was (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) arrived in JBSA around 3 May 2019.

c. He dealt with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) a little, mostly for the IMCOM change of command ceremony. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was gone a lot from September 2018 to January 2019, helping with LTG Becker's mother in California.

d. He first heard of the divorce when LTG Becker called (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) into his office, apologized for being slightly distracted, stated he had a lot of things going on with his wife at home, that they had been separated, and that they had filed for divorce. He said they had grown apart in their relationship.

e. In regards to inviting (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) to events, he stated that LTG Becker checked (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) availability. He remembered her going to a couple of social events, fiesta events, and an ambassador event (a local cultural event in San Antonio). She was invited to events and was not sure that they ever stopped inviting her.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

g. There were rumors on why no one had seen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) in a while. He did not feel it was his business to inform anyone of the pending divorce. After LTG Becker notified him and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) of the pending divorce, he called in the command group team, and informed them of the same.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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h. LTG Becker's new marriage did not impact him at all or any subordinates that he could tell. The command climate was great and everyone worked together. No rumors or perceptions impacted the command climate at all. There were no rumors or innuendo that affected customers outside the command with regards to the relationship.

i. In regards to expectations of Army Senior Leaders, it was LTG Becker's personal life. He was not sure what transpired but LTG Becker seemed happy. He was an outstanding Army Senior Leader, upfront with everyone and took care of his command in good fashion. He felt it was "to each his own" with regards to LTG Becker's quick decision to get married.

17. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D) testified:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

b. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) shared the images with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) The date-time group on the top of the images was the date and time she saved the images to her cell phone shortly after receipt from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) not the date of the event. She did not have the corresponding original text messages from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

c. The computer screen shot she provided as evidence reflected an email chain between LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) during 10-15 December 2018. The emails were sent from LTG Becker's iPhone. LTG Becker's first email indicated "You are the most beautiful woman in the world, I love you." She was not aware if any parts of the email string were deleted.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

e. LTG Becker asked (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) not to interfere or contact (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) because the relationship between him and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was fragile. LTG Becker wanted to see if their relationship would work. He asked (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) not to mess it up for him. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) filed for a divorce.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

g.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

18. LTG Becker testified:

a. He denied that he engaged in an inappropriate relationship with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) He never engaged in any act or omission that was or could be interpreted as being immoral or dissolute. He understood as a general officer and public official he did not have a private persona and everything he said and did was under great scrutiny. The personal relationship he developed with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not begin until he divorced his ex-wife (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) on 2 May 2019. He did know (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) before that but they were colleagues and friends.

b. When he was the Chief, OSC-I, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not fall under his leadership. He had no personal relationship with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). He infrequently communicated with her face-to-face. He did not believe (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) had access to the SIPR Network or recalled that he ever exchanged an email with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) while he was in Iraq. After he returned to the States, he communicated with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) by telephone. He did mail her a couple of care packages through the U.S. Postal System.

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He did not send anyone else in Iraq care packages. He also used WhatsApp to communicate with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

c. His friendship with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) started in April 2018 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) It was a very important function and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) had the lead. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) During the event, he spoke with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and they developed a friendship. Prior to that, he did not know her any differently than he knew any of the other (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

d. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) living quarters in Iraq was located at the opposite end of the compound from his quarters. They never visited each other's quarters. He was never alone with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) after normal duty hours and never traveled with her in Iraq. Other than the care packages he previously mentioned, he and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not exchange gifts prior to their marriage.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

f. He and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) started planning for their marriage after she resigned from her job in Iraq in mid May 2019. Initially, they were thinking that she would come back in July or August, and potentially get married in the fall. When (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) made the decision to resign because of the security situation in Iraq, he had concerns about how he could provide for her if she was not his spouse, and the perception of her at his house when she was not his spouse. He made the decision that they would get legally married, which they did on 3 June 2019.

g. He did not have a discussion with his leadership regarding an actual or perceived relationship between he and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). Additionally, no one ever raised any concerns with him in regards to an actual or perceived relationship between he and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C).

h. On 15 January 2019, he booked accommodations for two at a villa in Spain. At the time there was no second person that was locked-in. However, he hoped everything went well with his divorce and he could meet (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) there. That plan changed because his work schedule changed. He cancelled that leave and rescheduled his leave for early May 2019.

i. In regards to any perception of impropriety based on the timing of his divorce and his marriage to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) he indicated his concern was that he went through a proper and legal divorce, not just legal separation before he started a new relationship. When he

and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) made the decision that they were going to move faster with their marriage, he realized there were people that he knew in the Army that did not know he was going through a divorce. They would be a little bit surprised when they found out he was divorced and remarried. He fell in love, and was not going to risk that because somebody might perceive that he got married too quickly. He was 55 years old.

19. On 25 July 2019, DAIG requested assistance from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACID) to gain access to LTG Becker's WhatsApp account. After efforts to assist, the Director, Cybercrime Unit, informed DAIG there would need to be a criminal case opened to attain a search warrant to pursue access to WhatsApp.

20. On 26 July 2019, DAIG submitted an overseas travel data request to the (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) to determine if there were any overlap of overseas travel between LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) snapshot did not reveal any overlap of overseas travel. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

21. In a 12 August 2019 recall interview, LTG Becker was afforded the opportunity to comment on the box and letter he received from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) in December 2018, as alleged by (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D) LTG Becker testified:

a. He denied receiving and/or having knowledge of a letter, note, or box sent to him from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) during the December 2018 timeframe with an annotation of "That you are my love and cannot wait to start our life together?" He acknowledged receipt of balloons sent to him from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) for his birthday in January 2019. He recalled a note attached to the balloons that said "Happy Birthday." He could not recall any additional information on the note.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

e. The bottom line was...he was 55 years old, fell in love, and was not going to push his relationship off and wait based on other people's ideas of what was appropriate or inappropriate from the time you get a divorce to the time that you fall in love with someone else.

22. In a 15 August 2019 recall interview, LTG Becker was afforded the opportunity to comment on the evidence provided by (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D) a 12 August 2019 anonymous complainant. LTG Becker testified:

a. In regards to the below email thread:

Re: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Brad (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I love you (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2018, at 1:27 PM, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote

Hey darling mmmmwah

On Sat, Dec 15, 2018, 18:23 Brad (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:

Hey babe

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2018, at 1:23 PM, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

Awyy hey babe, miss you and love you

On Mon, Dec 10, 2018, 21:46 Brad (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:

You are the most beautiful woman in the world. I love you.

Sent from my iPhone

(1) He confirmed that he sent (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) the email dated Mon, Dec 10, 2018, 21:46, with the message "You are the most beautiful woman in the world. I love you." He confirmed there was a big difference between "I love you" and "being in love". He

stated that he loved (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) but he was not in love with them. At that time, he loved (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) as a friend but was not in love with her. His reference to "beautiful" was in regards to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) personality, her physical appearance, and she was simply a wonderful person.

(2) Email, Dec 10, 2018, at 1:23 PM, (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) wrote "Awwyy hey babe, miss you and love you." He recalled this email now that he has seen it "but would not have recalled it if (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) had not did a screen shot of it." He could not explain why (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) wrote him such an email since they were just friends at this time.

(3) He confirmed that he sent the email, Dec 15, 2018, at 18:23, Brad (LTG Becker) to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) with the message of "hey babe." He indicated that he addressed her as "hey babe" as a friend, but someone he hoped in the future could be more than that.

(4) He recalled the Email, Dec 15, 2018, at 1:27 PM, from (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) with the message "Hey darling mmmwah." He explained (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) wrote him such an email because they were friends and close; nothing more than that.

(5) He confirmed that he sent an email to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) with the message "I love you (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) But could not recall the date he sent it. He indicated the initials (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) stood for (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) and Brad. He admitted the initials could also be misinterpreted as (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) since "Brad" and "Becker" both started with a "B".

[IO Note: LTG Becker could not provide a logical explanation as to why he wrote the initials that way.]

b. In regards to the "Sylvie Small [Leather Purse]:" LTG Becker confirmed that he purchased the purse in December 2018. It sat in a box at his house until 24 June 2019 when he gave it to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) as a birthday gift. He testified that (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) could attest to this because she asked him in late April 2019 did he intend to give it to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) He responded that he was going to see how things were going to work out with (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) when she arrived. He admitted that he initially purchased the purse for (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) but did not want to give it to her until he saw how things were going to work out with her. He provided the purse to (b)(6):(b)(7)(C) during her birthday. He did not normally purchase gifts of this value for his friends.

[IO Note: This evidence reflects a purchase order for item number 401073378469, item description: Sylvie Small Leather purse, at a price of \$2590.00.]

c. In regards to "A Gift for You:"

[IO Note: This evidence included a gift card with a message "Hi my love, I wish you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, this year is one the most beautiful and special years in my entire life, because you came to my life and fell in love with the best man love you! (b)(6);(b)(7)]

(1) He confirmed that he received the gift from (b)(6);(b)(7) in early January 2019. The gift was Filorga eye crème. Earlier, he had spent approximately \$200.00 on eye care products that he had purchased from the Pentagon City Mall (Dead Sea Cosmetics). He informed (b)(6);(b)(7) and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) of the purchase. (b)(6);(b)(7) responded he was an "idiot" for spending that much money for the product. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) sent him the Filorga eye crème used by her.

(2) He explained (b)(6);(b)(7) comments that "this year is one the most beautiful and special years in my entire life, because you came to my life and fell in love with the best man love you! (b)(6);(b)(7) as her looking forward to 2019 that once his divorce was final that she would come and see him and that they would fall madly in love.

(3) He indicated the initial (b)(6);(b)(7) stood for (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and Brad.

(4) He denied ever receiving the card that indicated "My good man. My strong man. My one true love." He was not aware if (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) inadvertently took the screen shot, or whether or not it was actually sent.

d. The perception that the IG had that he was married for 33 years, met (b)(6);(b)(7) and suddenly got a divorce was absolutely not the case. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

[IO Note: LTG Becker's demeanor was professional throughout the interview. However, the IOs felt that some of his testimony was not credible.]

#### ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION:

1. Anonymous complainants alleged that LTG Becker engaged in an inappropriate relationship when he was deployed to Iraq from June 2017 to June 2018. AR 600-100 and Title 10 U.S. Code 3583 states all commanding officers and others in authority in the Army are required to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, patriotism, and subordination, as well as to guard against and suppress all dissolute and immoral practices, and to correct, according to the laws and regulations of the Army, all personnel who are guilty of them.

2. During LTG Becker's deployment to Iraq, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) at one time or another, were deployed with him. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

When interviewed, each independently testified they had never observed LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) do anything inappropriate. They all testified that they never observed any PDA, inappropriate conduct or discussions between the two, or saw them alone together after duty hours. They were not aware of any rumors or observations by others. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) further testified that while in Iraq (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

and only observed (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) visiting his apartment. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) added that she was surprised about the marriage and that nothing inside or outside the office would have indicated such an outcome. Additionally, the review of government email accounts revealed no credible evidence of an inappropriate relationship. An attempt to view social media accounts lacked criminal jurisdiction and were not honored.

3. Two other witnesses were interviewed concerning their knowledge of the issue.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified he was a friend of the family and was not aware of any significant problems between the Beckers. He was surprised that the Beckers were considering a divorce. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) confirmed to DAIG that he did not know LTG Becker very well but the appearance of an inappropriate relationship bothered him and potentially hurts the reputation of the General Officer Corps. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) indicated to him that LTG Becker was kicking her out of their quarters.

4. LTG Becker assumed command of IMCOM in September 2018. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified she was not aware of any talk around the office about LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) When LTG Becker introduced his new wife at a Change of Command event on 8 June 19, many people were surprised and unaware of his divorce. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) testified that he was not aware that LTG Becker had divorced and remarried. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

were interviewed on perceptions and the impact on mission, personnel, and command climate. Each conveyed there were no impacts to mission or personnel; there were no known rumors, negative perceptions or innuendo of the old to new relationship; and the command climate was said to be very good. The new relationship was not a distraction and neither felt it conflicted with IMCOM's responsibility to Family Programs.

5. Up to this point in the investigation, LTG Becker's actions were corroborated by witness' testimony. DAIG could not establish a preponderance of evidence that he engaged in an inappropriate relationship prior to his divorce. During his initial and first recall interviews, he consistently denied any meaningful or romantic relationship with

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

and testified he did not become intimate with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) until after she arrived in the

U.S. in May 2019. His testimony appeared credible. However, when confronted with documentary evidence provided by an anonymous third party (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D) during a second recall interview, the credibility of his testimony became questionable. The documentary evidence included a copy of a chain email between LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) between 10-15 December 2018 with apparent exchanges of affection, as well as a \$2,803.68 receipt for a purse LTG Becker ordered for (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) on 18 December 2018. LTG Becker explained that he loved (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) as a friend, and admitted he purchased the purse with the intent to give it to her as a birthday gift in June when he believed they would be together. This all occurred before the initiation of divorce proceedings and was information not previously provided by him. He admitted that he initially purchased the purse for (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) but did not want to give it to her until he saw how things were going to work out with her. Upon questioning by (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) about the purse, he told her the same thing. In relation to correspondence between the two, LTG Becker referred to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) as (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) referred to herself as (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). As for addressing the initials (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), he stated the initials stood for (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) & Brad," and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) & Brad," but understood how the initials could be viewed as (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Becker or (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Becker.

6. Additionally, after LTG Becker redeployed from Iraq to the U.S. (June 2018), he communicated with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) by telephone and by WhatsApp. He mailed her a couple of care packages through the U.S. Postal System, but he did not send care packages to anyone else in Iraq. He stated other than the care packages, he and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not exchange gifts prior to their marriage, yet she sent him balloons on his birthday and "Filorga" eye cream in January 2019, and he clearly purchased the purse on or about this same time frame. LTG Becker testified that the personal relationship he developed with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not begin until he divorced (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) on 2 May 2019, yet (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) informed him after his divorce was filed (7 January 2019) and before she arrived in the U.S. (May 2019) that "she might be falling in love with him." On 15 January 2019, just 8 days after (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) filed for divorce, he booked accommodations (for a later date) for two at a villa in Spain. At the time, there was no second person locked-in, yet he stated that he hoped everything went well with his divorce and he could meet (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) here together.

7. Further, LTG Becker specifically testified in his first recall interview that "... the personal relationship I developed with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did not begin until I was divorced from my wife (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) on 2 May 2019. I did know (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) before that but we were colleagues and friends. That's all I've got." However, he specifically told (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) via email on 10 December 2018 "You are the most beautiful woman in the world. I love you." (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) filed for divorce on 7 January 2019 and the divorce was not finalized until May 2019. After being presented with this email chain, LTG Becker attempted to explain away the references as somewhat taken out of context. He testified there was a big difference between "I love you" and "being in love," and he stated he loved (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) as a friend but was not in love with her. His reference to "beautiful" was in regards to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) personality, her physical appearance, and she was simply a wonderful person. LTG Becker's explanation of "I love you" and "beautiful," and his interpretation of (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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initials is not credible. The normal and reasonable meanings behind the references indicate a close personal relationship and emotional intimacy. The preponderance of credible evidence indicated that LTG Becker was not forthcoming in his testimony in regards to the relationship he developed with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). The totality of the circumstances (phone calls, gifts, intimate emails, and booked vacations) leads a reasonable person to conclude that LTG Becker and (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) were engaged in an inappropriate relationship before (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) filed for divorce.

**CONCLUSION:** The allegation that LTG Becker failed to show in himself a good example of virtue and honor and failed to guard against and suppress all dissolute and immoral practices, by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a woman, not his wife, in violation of AR 600-100, Paragraph 1-7(d) and Title 10 U.S. Code 3583 (renumbered as 10 U.S. Code 7233, effective 1 February 2019), was substantiated.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. This report be approved and the case closed.
2. Refer this report to the Judge Advocate General for appropriate action.
3. Take no action on the issues in Other Matters #1 and #2.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

IG  
Investigator

**APPROVED:**

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**LIST OF EXHIBITS**

**EXHIBIT   ITEM**

**A            Authority/Complaint**

- A-1: [redacted] (MFR)
- A-2: Senior Official Allegation
- A-3: [redacted] (MFR)
- A-4: [redacted] (MFR)
- A-5: [redacted] (email)
- A-6: Directive
- A-7: Legal Review

**B            Standards**

- B-1: Title 10 U.S. Code 3583 (revised by 10 U.S. Code 7233, effective 1 February 2019), Requirements of Exemplary Conduct
- B-2: AR 600-100, Army Profession and Leadership Policy

**C            Documents**

- C-1: Superior Court of Washington Document, Finding and Conclusion, undated
- C-2: DPS document
- C-3: Final Divorce Order
- C-4: Memorandum, subject: Request for a Copy of Exchange Mailbox, 14 June 2019
- C-5: Email, subject: Senior Official Allegation, 15 July 2019
- C-6: Email, subject: Concerns Confirmation, 16 July 2019
- C-7: Email, subject: Pictures, 12 August 2019 (redacted/images removed)
- C-8: Email thread, subject: Access to WhatsApp Data, 25 July 2019 – 5 August 2019
- C-9: Email thread, subject: Overseas Travel Data
- C-10: Passport snapshot
- C-11: Email Chain
- C-12: Sylvie Small Letter
- C-13: A Gift for You
- C-14: Email, subject: Booking 18-25 May, Booking Number 1534, 15 January 2019 (Spain)

**D            Testimony/Statements**

- D-1: [redacted] (Testimony)
- D-2: [redacted] (Testimony)
- D-3: [redacted] (Testimony)
- D-4: [redacted] (Statement)
- D-5: [redacted] (Testimony)

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- D-6: [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-7: [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-8: [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-9: [REDACTED] (Statement)
- D-10: [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-11: [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-12: [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-13: Anonymous #2 [REDACTED] (Testimony)
- D-14: LTG Bradley A. Becker (initial) (Testimony)
- D-15: LTG Bradley A. Becker (recall #1) (Testimony)
- D-16: LTG Bradley A. Becker (recall #2) (Testimony)

**E Notifications**

- E-1: GEN Mark Milley / GEN James McConville (senior official notifications)
- E-2: GEN Gustave Perna (rater)
- E-3: LTG Bradley A. Becker (subject)

[IO Note: GEN Milley was replaced by GEN McConville as the Chief of Staff of the Army. GEN Joseph M. Martin replaced GEN McConville as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.]