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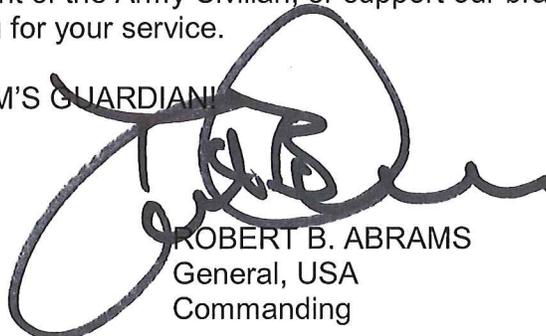
MEMORANDUM FOR Headquarters and Major Subordinate Commands Reporting Directly to FORSCOM

SUBJECT: Autumn/Winter Holiday Season Safety

1. The welcome transition to autumn is upon us and with it comes hazards unique to this time of year. As temperatures drop and Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Families take to the roads, they will be exposed to elevated risk. It's critically important to prepare them now. While you take a well-earned break this holiday season, we urge you to plan your activities with care and make smart decisions that will keep you and your family safe.
2. We closed out Fiscal Year 2016 with the fewest number of Class A accidents in the Command's recorded history. Leaders, at echelon, are directly responsible for that result and we commend you. But...we can do better. Remain vigilant and emphasize the risks of operating recreational and motor vehicles with all Soldiers. Individual indiscipline factors including excessive speed, operating under the influence, distractions, and violating standards for wear of personal protective equipment remain the key causal contributors to our losses. Understand the risks and how to mitigate them. More importantly, intervene when you observe someone else circumventing or ignoring standards.
3. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center tabs within the link below contain a multitude of resources themed on seasonal topics to augment your existing safety programs. All are easily downloadable and ready to use in whatever format best suits your program. We encourage you to leverage these tools to make this our safest holiday season to date.
<https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns/AutumnWinter2016-17.aspx>
4. We want leaders at all levels to reinforce the application of Risk Management into off-duty activities and reemphasize good decision-making with responsible conduct. Engaged leaders and Soldiers committed to our core mission are directly and positively impacting readiness every day. We urge you to remain vigilant and continue this great work.
5. Whether you are in uniform, a Department of the Army Civilian, or support our brave men and women as a Family member, thank you for your service.


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