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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands
Directors, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff

SUBJECT: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Safety Message

1. The Army will commemorate the 25th National observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on 17 January. Dr. King's birthday is observed to honor the countless contributions he made to the American Civil Rights Movement significantly improving our American way of life.
2. As we celebrate Dr. King's life and begin what will be another fast-paced year, leaders throughout the command must take a pro-active interest in the safety of our Soldiers, civilian employees, contractors, and Army Medicine's family members. Winter travel is especially dangerous with the unusually severe weather conditions this year. Do not become, or allow your family members or friends to become, a statistic. Plan ahead, drive defensively, avoid driving when tired, do not drink and drive, and use extra caution at all times. Enjoy your holiday and exercise good judgment.
3. The Travel Risk Planning System (TRIPS) is an excellent vehicle accident prevention tool for assessing an individual's risk and allows supervisors an opportunity to engage with Soldiers to mitigate risk factors. Access TRIPS online at <https://crc.army.mil> to initiate a travel assessment prior to travel.
4. Your personal involvement and genuine concern for your fellow Soldiers will make a difference this weekend and ultimately save lives. Doing so will also help ensure we continue to lead the Army with our accident-prevention efforts and protect our most precious resource – our people.

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