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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands
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SUBJECT: Veterans Day Safety Message

1. Veterans Day has long been revered as a day to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice. Almost all nations recognize such a day of remembrance that marks the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. Each year on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Americans venerate their veterans and pay homage to their selfless service in uniquely American ways. Parades, barbeques and other civic tributes help us frame the human effects of war and duty. As we pause to observe Veterans Day, to remember and honor those men and women who have sacrificed so we might enjoy the many freedoms of this great nation, I ask that each of you renew your commitment to safety in all that you do. The safety and security of this Nation was paid for by the sacrifices of our veterans – let's cherish it.

2. Veterans Day holiday is the perfect time to focus on the this year's Autumn Safety initiative, "Know the Signs" campaign, is designed to heighten awareness of seasonal risk factors and provide leaders and Soldiers the tools they need to address safety issues in their unit or peer group. The signs are all around — it is up to you to recognize and act on them. The "Know the Signs" campaign, including tools and resources, is available at the Army Safety Center website, at <https://safety.army.mil>. Additional cold injury prevention resources are available at the US Army Public Health Command and the US Army Research Institute for Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) including products, such as posters, videos, and pocket guides. Find these products at: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/cip/Pages/default.aspx>.

3. I encourage you to take part in events that honor our veterans and take some well deserved time off. I would also like to thank you for what you do every day and for serving our Nation with honor and integrity. Your dedication and commitment to our Soldiers and their Families continue to make us Army Safe and Army Strong! Have a safe and enjoyable Veterans Day.

Serving to Heal...Honored to Serve!

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