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SUBJECT: Memorial Day Holiday Safety

1. Memorial Day weekend signals the start of summer, traditionally a hazardous season for the Army and the US Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), with notable increases in off-duty fatal accidents. The MEDCOM is beginning the summer with three off-duty, privately-owned vehicle (POV) and privately-owned motorcycle (POM) fatalities this fiscal year and with the challenge to do all we can to eliminate future preventable accidents. I ask you to double your efforts on POV and POM accident prevention. Empower each individual to do what it takes to protect their self and the life of a fellow Soldier, Civilian, contractor or Family member.

2. The US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center officially launched the 2012, Take-5 for Summer Safety Campaign, which runs through the end of September and focuses on providing Soldiers, Civilians, and their Family members the information they need to be safe this summer. As this year's Safe Summer campaign gets into full swing this Memorial Day weekend, we challenge each of you to use composite risk management and safety tools to maintain safety awareness and minimize risk. We must strive to protect not only our combat power but the lives of our MEDCOM Family. This year's campaign offers products and information on a wide variety of off-duty topics from boating to climbing safety to help protect every member of our Army team. Go to <https://safety.army.mil/> and click on the Take-5 logo to access these products and bolster your summer safety program.

3. As you are enjoying the beginning of summer, take time to pay tribute to the memory of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives so we may live in freedom – to those who gave their full and final measure. I ask you to take time to remember your brothers and sisters in uniform who have been wounded or who currently find themselves in harm's way in service to our Nation. To each of you – I honor your service. Have a great holiday weekend. Army Safe is Army Strong.

Serving to Heal...Honored to Serve!

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