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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Presidents' Day Holiday Safety Message

1. Each Presidents' Day, we salute the leadership and achievements of all those who have held America's highest elected office, serving as our President and Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces. As we particularly remember President Washington and President Lincoln, we must also integrate safety principles into all of our activities.
2. Off-duty traffic accidents remain the leading cause of accidental deaths for the MEDCOM and the Army as a whole. We all have a shared responsibility to influence and stop high-risk behavior behind many of these fatalities. The major causes of vehicle and motorcycle accidents are excessive speed, failure to use seatbelts and wear of protective equipment, failure to follow published procedures, or violation of established standards.
3. I direct all leaders to conduct pre-holiday safety briefings with all personnel, giving special emphasis to the challenges of associated driving hazards and harsh winter weather (geography dependent) as well as seasonal activities. Leaders should emphasize the use of tools and resources that can assist Soldiers in planning leisure activities and manage risk available on the US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website, <https://safety.army.mil>.
4. As you enjoy the Presidents' Day weekend, remember that safety is everyone's priority. I am grateful for the daily sacrifices you and your Families make as members of the Army Medicine team. Army Safety is Army Strong.

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