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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

1. History holds remarkable examples of heroism and adventure, and the four voyages of Christopher Columbus, beginning in 1492, are great examples. Whether or not Christopher Columbus was the first European to discover the New World of the Americas, his legacy of discovery and determination serve as an example for innovators and dreamers to pursue broader understanding and use of their talents to benefit humanity.
2. Columbus Day, the first holiday weekend of fall, is accompanied by a transition to cooler temperatures, thoughts of football parties, hunting season and exercise in the great outdoors. Just like the change in season, activities and hazards also change. Autumn can be a risky time of year. To help Soldiers counter the hazards, the US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center recently released the new Seasonal Safety Campaign, Ready...or Not?; a resource leaders and safety professionals may use to augment their existing risk management programs. The seasonal safety campaign, including tools and resources, is available at the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website at:
<https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns/AUTUMN2014.aspx>.
The autumn safety campaign runs through 30 November 2014.
3. Leaders: be proactive and brief your Soldiers, Civilians and contract employees on the safety measures appropriate for the area and weather conditions. Also, prepare your staff now for winter risks and hazards: winterizing vehicles, conducting preseason inspections of heating units, testing/replacing smoke detector batteries, draining gas from yard tools, and checking and insulating water pipes, if necessary.
4. Your dedication and professionalism continue to make us "Army Safe and Army Strong." Please do your part to ensure a safe holiday weekend.

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