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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Independence Day Safety Message

1. In the days immediately following the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, General George Washington issued a General Order stating that he hoped that "this important Event will serve as a fresh incentive to every officer, and soldier, to act with Fidelity and Courage, as knowing that now peace and safety of his Country depends (under God) solely on the success of our arms." Today, 240 years later, Independence Day is still an important event, particularly for our Service Members, Civilians, and Family Members who have an essential role in our mission and service to our Nation.

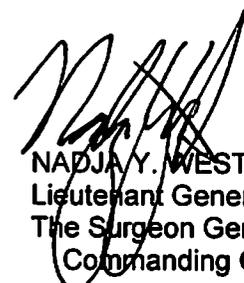
2. As we observe Independence Day, let us also observe the Army's vision for continued mishap reduction. Of particular note, we have had an alarming number of DUIs within this command. We must redouble our efforts to plan ahead and practice responsible behavior when choosing to consume alcohol so we do not have unnecessary injury or loss of life. Leaders, please continue to take a pro-active interest in the safety of our Soldiers, Civilian employees, contractors and MEDCOM Family Members.

3. The annual Army Spring/Summer Safety Campaign is underway. The current safety campaign is entitled "Ready...or Not?" It is designed to heighten awareness of risk factors by causing individuals and Leaders to ask themselves one simple question, "Are you and/or your organization ready for what is about to happen?" Careful consideration of the hazards and mitigation measures associated with using the roadways, swimming, barbecuing, playing sports, boating and using fireworks is absolutely essential. Please visit the Army Combat Readiness Center website: <https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns.aspx> for tools and resources available to help plan your Spring/Summer activities and managing risks along the way.

4. Our sincerest thanks to each Soldier, Civilian and Contractor for what you do each and every day for the Army Family and Army Medicine. We are proud to serve alongside you and wish each of you a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend. Play hard, but remember to always play it safe. Army Safe is Army Strong.

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Conserving the Fighting Strength!

  
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