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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Labor Day Safety Message

1. Observed on the first Monday in September, Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the Labor Movement in the late 19th Century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events.

2. Our country has seen vast improvements in worker well-being and safety since that first Labor Day, and the US Army Combat Readiness Center continues to lead the way in providing Soldiers and Department of the Army (DA) Civilians with a variety of tools to enable safe behavior both on and off the job. To that end, we ask each of you to ask your subordinates, coworkers and Family Members about their plans for this upcoming long weekend. Demonstrate your commitment to our Soldiers and fellow workers by encouraging the use of risk management, training, and the buddy system as essential means for keeping one another safe. Your personal leadership and engagement are vital in protecting the "at risk" population. We encourage you to use the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center's tools available in the Army's "READY...or Not?" campaign. Access the tool-box at the <https://safety.army.mil>. In addition, all Soldiers are reminded to have their vehicles inspected and use the automated risk assessment (TRiPS) on this website, if you plan to take leave, pass, or if you are TDY or PCS'ing.

3. We salute our MEDCOM workforce for your service to our Nation; your dedication strengthens the AMEDD and enables the readiness of our Army. We encourage Soldiers, DA Civilians and Family Members to fully enjoy this historic holiday. Be safe and have a happy Labor Day weekend. Army Safe is Army Strong.

One Team...One Purpose
Conserving the Fighting Strength!


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