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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Veterans Day Safety Message

1. Veterans Day is set aside to remember every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coastguardsman who has taken up arms to defend our country. It is a day when we honor Veterans who gave some of the best years of their lives to the service of the United States and stood ready to give life itself on our behalf. Twenty-five million military veterans walk among us and, on this day, our Nation salutes them all.

2. Veterans Day holiday is the perfect time to focus on the 2011 Army Fall/Winter Safety Campaign, "Take-5" for safety. Take a few moments — whether five seconds, five minutes or longer — to think about plans and how to make safer choices. Fatal accidents are often the result of unwise split-second decisions, from choosing to drink and drive or ride unbelted to crossing the street against traffic signals. By taking just a little time to think through their actions, Soldiers and their family members can make better choices and stay safe in everything they do. The campaign kit includes posters, feature articles, videos and public service announcements focusing on timely safety topics like hunting, skiing and snowboarding, cold weather injury, privately-owned vehicle and Army motor vehicle operations, plus many more. Find more on the "Take-5" campaign at: <https://safety.army.mil/multimedia/CAMPAIGNSINITIATIVES/FallandWinterSafetyCampaign2011/tabid/2174/Default.aspx>. Additional cold injury prevention resources are available at US Army Public Health Command and the US Army Research Institute for Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) including products such as posters, videos, and pocket guides. Find these products at: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/cip/Pages/default.aspx>.

3. As we celebrate Veterans Day, I salute all of the men and women in uniform and especially the workforce of the Army Medical Command -- my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you. Your dedication and commitment to our Soldiers and to our Nation continue to make us Army Safe and Army Strong! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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The Surgeon General and  
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