MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands
Deputy Chiefs of Staff, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff
Directors, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff

SUBJECT: Thanksgiving Holiday Safety Message

1. On 3 October 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the fourth Thursday of each November as the national Thanksgiving holiday. Since that time, Americans have taken this day to reflect upon our many blessings. As a Nation, we have many things to be thankful for—our freedoms, prosperity and our people. Please take this time to appreciate the goodness in your life. We are thankful to be a part of this tremendous MEDCOM Family that we have the honor of leading.

2. We are entering a season when cold weather can adversely impact our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members. Additionally, this is the busiest travel time of the year. Driving long distances to see Family and friends must be properly planned to ensure that any identified risks are mitigated. Please review holiday safety considerations at https://safety.army.mil. A few minutes of planning and preparation can assist in protecting you and your loved ones from accidents or incidents that have potentially harmful outcomes. Supervisors must ensure TRIPS is completed and vehicles are inspected for Soldiers who are travelling. Enjoy the festivities, but maintain discipline; if you are going to drive, don’t drink and have a plan. Always remain vigilant—if you see something—say something.

3. Have a safe holiday weekend and enjoy your time with Family and friends. We look forward to your safe return after the holiday.

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Conserving the Fighting Strength!

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