MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands
Deputy Chiefs of Staff, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff
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SUBJECT: Columbus Day Safety Message

1. The Columbus Day holiday weekend is the time to remember the contributions of the explorer Christopher Columbus. His voyage was met with many obstacles and dangers, but represents a major event in the history of America. The holiday provides us an opportunity to reflect on our Nation's course since Columbus' landing.

2. As we transition from summer to fall, the weather brings cooler temperatures and a change activities and hazards. To help counter seasonal hazards, please visit the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, https://safety.army.mil, a resource for leaders to use to augment their risk management programs.

3. Commanders and leaders play a critical role in the prevention of avoidable accidents, loss of life, and damage to property. If you are travelling this weekend, prepare by using the TRIPS tool and other safety resources on the Combat Readiness Center website at https://safety.army.mil. Soldiers must complete a TRIPS, prior to going on leave/pass. This simple action will assist in preventing Soldiers from driving fatigued and/or speeding while attempting to return to their duty station. Watch out for your battle-buddy and stay vigilant -- if you see something -- say something!

4. Your dedicated service makes it possible to enjoy this holiday and enables Army's readiness today and tomorrow. Have a safe and happy Columbus Day weekend! Army Safe is Army Strong.

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Conserving the Fighting Strength!

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