MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Independence Day Safety Message

1. This Fourth of July we celebrate the 241st anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America. Through hard work, struggle and bloodshed, the men and women of our Armed Forces carry on the tradition of proudly defending our freedom at home and throughout the world. As we come together to celebrate the enduring spirit of America, let us be thankful for the blessing of freedom and for the opportunities it affords.

2. At MEDCOM we are vigilant in caring for one another in ever changing operating environments. In doing so risk management remains a top priority. It is essential that our leaders ensure our Soldiers, Civilians and their Families are aware of the potential dangers that come with Fourth of July activities. It is our responsibility to minimize our off-duty risk by ensuring risk assessments are completed formally, when necessary, through the Travel Risk Planning System (TRIPS) and informally, in all other cases. Please speak with your subordinates about being proactive and effective battle buddies rather than using a “wait and see” approach. For additional resources and ideas, visit the Combat Readiness Center/Safety Center website: https://safety.army.mil.

3. I salute the MEDCOM workforce for your service to our Nation. Your dedication makes it possible to enjoy holidays like this and ensures our Army's readiness today and tomorrow. So please enjoy the Fourth of July safely and Happy Birthday America! Army Safe is Army Strong!

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

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