MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Safety Message

1. On 30 May 1866, then Congressman James A. Garfield gave an address at Arlington National Cemetery encouraging Americans to remember the heroic sacrifice of all those who "accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue...here let them rest, asleep on the Nation's heart, entombed in the Nation's love!" This Memorial Day, 29 May 2017, please take time, during the day, to commemorate fallen Service Members as we continue to protect the Nation and freedom for which they sacrificed.

2. Along with Memorial Day's remembrance, many of us will use this holiday weekend to kick-off the season of warmer weather, time-off and travel. It is essential that leaders ensure our Soldiers, Civilians and their Families are aware of the potential dangers that come with Memorial Day weekend travel and take steps to mitigate them. We must prepare our Soldiers to assess the risks associated with their weekend travel plans and other activities. Please review the safety resources on the Combat Readiness Center/Safety Center website, https://safety.army.mil under the "Ready or Not" and determine which ones are best suited to support our holiday safety efforts. Please speak with subordinates on the known numerous accident factors and about looking out for our battle-buddies. Stay vigilant, if you see something, say something!

3. I salute the MEDCOM workforce for your service to our Nation. Your dedicated service makes it possible to enjoy these holidays and enables Army's readiness today and tomorrow. Have a safe Memorial Day! Army Safe is Army Strong.

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

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