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MEMORANDUM FOR


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

SUBJECT: Veterans Day Safety Message

1. Veterans Day is on Friday, November 10, 2017. Originally named "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the name was later changed to Veterans Day by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954. Veterans Day is designated to honor America's living and deceased Veterans for their patriotism and loyalty. Please take time to reflect on your service to our Nation and that of your fellow Veterans. We encourage our units to identify and reach out to our Gold Star Families, during the holiday period. Also, remember the commitment of our Families that have supported us through our journey of military service.
2. This is also the perfect time to focus on autumn activities. Leaders should review the safety resources on the Combat Readiness Center website, <https://safety.army.mil>, to determine those that are best suited to support holiday safety efforts. We expect leaders to talk with subordinates about factors that contribute to accidents such as speed, alcohol, driving while fatigued or distracted (cell phones and texting) and adverse weather conditions. Leaders need to instruct military members to comply with seatbelt use, follow motorcycle safety policy and watch out for their battle buddies. Soldiers must complete a TRiPS assessment before going on leave or pass. Assessing risk will assist in preventing Soldiers from driving fatigued or speeding while attempting to return to their duty station. Traffic accidents are unfortunate and can negatively impact readiness, morale and our ability to perform our mission efficiently and effectively. Stay vigilant – if you see something – say something!
3. Your commitment and dedicated service makes it possible for us to enjoy this holiday and ensures our Army's readiness today and tomorrow. Have a safe and happy Veterans Day weekend! Army Safe is Army Strong.

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


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