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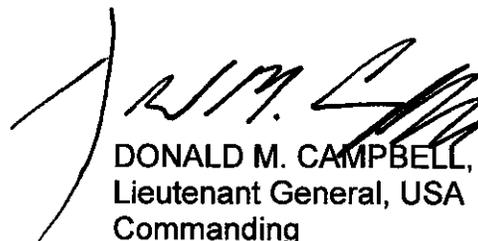
MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fourth of July Holiday Safety Message 2011

1. On Independence Day, we all will celebrate the birth of our great Nation and the 235th anniversary of our independence. Since that historic event in 1776, this Nation and our ancestors have endured many hardships and struggles to make this great country what it is today.
2. We, in the military, play a special role in this national celebration. Soldiers fought for and secured our Nation's independence during the Revolution, and continue to proudly defend our freedom here and throughout the world. As we celebrate our Nation's birthday and enjoy this 4-day weekend with Family and friends, I encourage all of you to remember the men and women who bravely fought and died for our independence and the freedom we enjoy today.
3. During this holiday weekend, safety must be a top priority. Commanders must ensure that Soldiers are briefed on the major safety concerns usually associated with the 4th of July prior to release for the holiday weekend. So far this fiscal year, you have made great improvements in the area of privately owned vehicle (POV) accident prevention and need to continue this trend. Leaders must emphasize POV safety to their Soldiers through direct involvement. Stress to Soldiers the importance of using seat belts (protective equipment for motorcycle operators), not speeding, and not driving while fatigued or intoxicated. Commanders must also brief their Soldiers on recreational water safety - to include accident preventive measures for swimming and boating. Emphasize the potentially fatal consequences of not wearing life jackets and drinking alcohol while boating. Heat injury and sunburn preventive measures must also be stressed. Finally, commanders should address fireworks safety and also ensure their Soldiers pass on these safety measures to their Family Members. Safety knowledge and discipline saves lives!
4. I invite all Soldiers, Family Members, and civilians to celebrate the 4th of July and enjoy the various installation Independence Day activities. Enjoy the holiday and return safely.

PHANTOM WARRIORS!

*Thank you  
for your great  
service!*

  
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