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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Christmas and New Year Holiday Safety Message

1. Americans and people all over the world have made the Christmas/New Year period the biggest event of the year in both spiritual and traditional terms. We, as a Corps team, are very proud to join in the celebration of this Holiday Season. Our Soldiers and Families make daily sacrifices for our Nation and continue to support peace throughout the world. Therefore, I believe that we as a community should count our many blessings and be proud of the fact that we continue to ensure these freedoms.

2. Some of us will travel long distances to be with Family and friends during the Holidays. Heavier than normal traffic flow on our roads and the potentially dangerous winter weather conditions present unique driving challenges. Fatigue, excessive use of alcohol, reckless driving, and excessive speed are some of the reasons most accidents occur.

3. As leaders, we have a responsibility to make Soldiers aware of these potential dangers and provide the proper preventive measures. Safety hazard awareness is the key to accident prevention. Prior to releasing Soldiers for the Holidays (and throughout our half-day schedules), leaders must conduct meaningful safety briefings that include highway safety, seatbelt use, fatigue avoidance, not drinking and driving, and taking the proper winter weather precautions. As the temperatures drop, we must remind Soldiers of the risks and remedies associated with home heating systems, fireplaces, gas stoves, space heaters, etc. I expect leaders to assist Soldiers with their Holiday plan risk assessments, identify potential hazards, and provide appropriate accident prevention guidance.

4. I am very proud of the accomplishments our Soldiers, Family members, and civilians consistently achieve throughout the year. Ann and I extend our personal wishes to you and your Families for a safe and blessed Holiday Season. May God Bless III Corps and Fort Hood and may God Bless our Soldiers.

PHANTOM WARRIORS!

*Enjoy this
wonderful
Season!*


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