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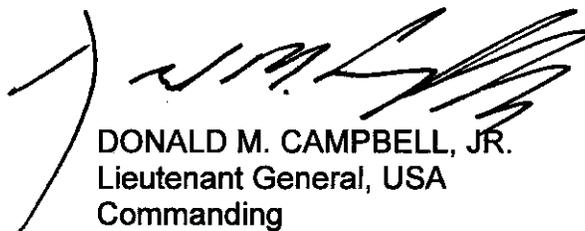
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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Columbus Day Safety Message 2011**

1. During the Columbus Day weekend, 7-10 October 2011, we will celebrate Christopher Columbus' spirit of adventure and exploration. Traditionally, Americans celebrate this holiday with ceremonies and parades befitting the anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. Likewise, we in the military celebrate the holiday by taking time out from our busy OPTEMPO to enjoy the long weekend with Family and friends.
2. Although we experienced no accidental fatalities during the Labor Day weekend, we must not let our guard down. Safety must continue to be everyone's number one priority. Our first line of defense in preventing needless accidents is personal discipline and engaged leadership. I believe that all accidents are preventable when engaged leaders teach, coach, and mentor their Soldiers to do the right thing.
3. Accident prevention is a continuous process. Although we have experienced a hot and dry summer, fall weather can present slick roads and foggy driving conditions. This places extra demands on driver alertness and on vehicle capability. Leaders must stress ways to minimize these risks during one-on-one counseling sessions and during safety orientations. Additionally, leaders should stress to Soldiers who plan to hunt that they review applicable safety precautions prior to engaging in hunting activities. Risk management saves lives! Commanders and leaders can find seasonal and POV resources at the Combat Readiness Center website <https://safety.army.mil/>.
4. I hope each of you enjoy a safe Columbus Day holiday with Family and friends. Please view this holiday as a well-deserved breather from our busy training and work schedules. I look forward to having each of you return on the 11th to continue our mission together.

**PHANTOM WARRIORS!**



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