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SUBJECT: Labor Day 2011 Safety Message

1. Over a century ago, Labor Day was celebrated for the first time to recognize the hard work of individuals within the trade and labor organizations. Since then, it has become a national holiday celebrated across the Nation. We, in the military, have good reason to be especially proud of the work we do each and every day; and we also need to take time from our busy schedules to relax.

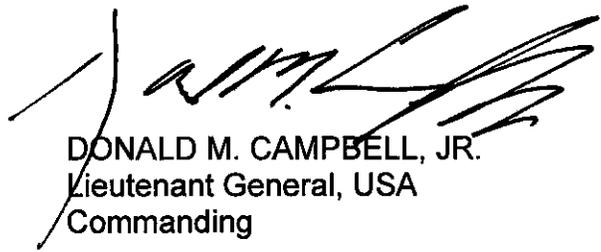
2. As the final long weekend of summer approaches, we must do all we can to make this a safe one. Too many lives were lost this summer to privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents. Most of these accidents can be attributed to a lack of discipline. Some of these Soldiers returned from deployments in combat zones only to die needlessly back here in the United States. Speeding, driving while fatigued, and alcohol use all carry enormous risks. The Labor Day holiday is a time to enjoy the long weekend with Family and friends, not to mourn the loss of another Soldier or loved one.

3. Commanders and first-line leaders must review the plans of every Soldier in their charge to ensure they have identified and mitigated the risks involved in their planned activities. I expect our leaders to take ownership of the challenge of preventing injury to our Soldiers. Soldiers must exercise discipline in every activity – it is a great risk mitigation technique.

4. I would like to thank every Soldier and civilian of III Corps for all they do for our Nation. Have a safe weekend with Family and friends, and enjoy your Labor Day.

PHANTOM WARRIORS!

*Enjoy this
great weekend!*


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