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MEMORANDUM FOR Major Subordinate Commanders

SUBJECT: Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Safety Message

1. On 16 January 2012, Fort Hood and the rest of our Nation will pause to honor and reflect upon the accomplishments of a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King spoke to the conscience of all Americans when he spoke against social injustices and was the key figure in bringing about a change in how we treat each other. This change further resulted in legislation that helped ensure constitutional guarantees for all of us. Dr. King rightly stands among those who have made a profound and positive impact on the American way of life and as the champion of nonviolent change.
2. As is common with long weekend/holiday periods, many of our Families will use this opportunity and to travel and visit with friends and Family. Because many Americans celebrate this national holiday, the potential again exists for heavier than normal traffic on the Nation's highways, increasing the risk of accidents. With the winter season upon us, adverse weather conditions such as icy, snowy, and slick roads should be expected. Long distance travel often equates to another adverse driving condition - fatigue. Unfortunately, any one of these hazards can have fatal consequences.
3. Most privately owned vehicle accidents are preventable. Avoidance of excessive speed, fatigue and alcohol are the major keys to accident prevention. Using seatbelts in automobiles and personal protective gear on motorcycles are the major keys to reducing injuries when accidents do occur. Leaders must effectively brief their Soldiers before the holiday weekend on accident preventive measures to ensure they understand and appreciate the risks and the appropriate actions and responsibilities for holiday travel.
4. I would like to thank the Soldiers and civilian workers of III Corps and Fort Hood for all they do for this installation and our great Nation. I hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Campbell, Jr.", written over a large, stylized flourish or scribble.

DONALD M. CAMPBELL, JR.
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding