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SUBJECT: November Holiday Safety Message 2011

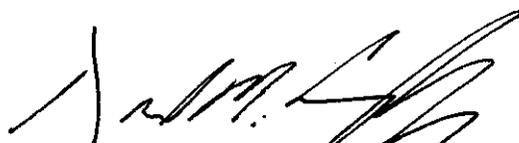
1. In November, we will celebrate two holidays with long weekends that give us a chance to get away from the hustle of the workplace. On November 11th, we will pause to observe Veterans Day, a national holiday with special meaning to us in the military. Then on November 24th, we will remember the 110 Pilgrims who bravely left the security and familiarity of their homes in England in 1620 in pursuit of religious freedom in the New World. These two holidays allow us time to celebrate our Nation's earliest history and honor the men and women who have fought, and in some cases died, to preserve the freedoms of our great Nation.

2. During these two holiday weekends, safety must be a top priority. I am glad to say that we experienced no fatal accidents during our last two long weekends. However, the tragic loss of two III Corps Soldiers in auto accidents already this Fiscal Year (FY) painfully reminds us that accidents never take a holiday. In FY 11, III Corps lost six Soldiers due to automobile accidents and seven more to motorcycle accidents. We must continuously be mindful of the common threads in most privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents: speed, fatigue, alcohol, not wearing seatbelts, and failing to wear the required motorcycle protective equipment. The fall weather can also present challenges. We must allow adverse conditions to dictate our speed and attention to detail. Soldiers planning to hunt or participate in other off-duty recreational activities must be reminded to review applicable safety measures. Commanders and leaders can find resources for seasonal and POV safety briefings at the US Army Combat Readiness Center website <https://safety.army.mil/>.

3. As we pause to celebrate our heritage and honor our veterans, I hope you will keep safety in the forefront of your plans. I am proud to be part of this great III Corps Team. May each of you have a safe and enjoyable experience during our November holidays. May God bless our Soldiers, Family members, and civilian employees, and may God bless America.

PHANTOM WARRIORS!

*Thank to all
of our fant how they
TEAM - enjoy they
great year!*


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