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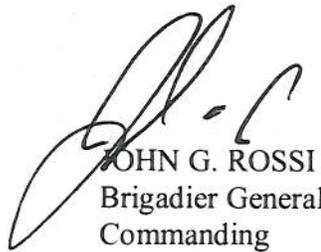
SUBJECT: Veterans Day Holiday Safety Message

1. As we pause this holiday weekend to remember and honor all the men and women who have honorably and faithfully served this great Nation during times of peace and conflict, I remind you that we must never break from our responsibility to always act in a disciplined and safe manner both on or off duty. I expect leaders to know their subordinates' plans for the holiday weekend and aggressively contribute in mitigating all associated risks. Engaged leaders can and do make a difference in keeping our Soldiers safe.

2. The most common risk to our Soldiers over this long weekend will be operating a motor vehicle. Accidents involving privately owned vehicles and motorcycles continue to be the leading cause of off duty fatalities and serious injuries across the Army and this command. Distracted driving, failure to use and wear protective equipment such as seat belts, and driving under the influence are the greatest risk factors. Leaders must reinforce smart behavior and individuals must have the self discipline to act responsibly so that we can meet our safety objective of *zero* preventable fatalities or accidents that result in permanent disability.

3. To all the Soldiers, family members and civilian employees of this command, CSM Ross and I thank you for your faithful service to our Nation. Know that your efforts and sacrifices are seen and appreciated by us, your unit leaders, and the American people.

SWIFT AND SURE!


JOHN G. ROSSI
Brigadier General, USA
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