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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Columbus Day Holiday Safety Message (7 - 10 October 2016)

1. Over the extended holiday weekend, 7 - 10 October 2016, we will celebrate the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Americas as the the beginning of what would become our great nation. This extended weekend provides a prime opportunity for our Soldiers and Civilians to spend time at home or on the road visiting with family and friends. Whatever your plans, we ask that you keep SAFETY in the forefront of your actions and be alert to the continual changing conditions during your travels.

2. This first holiday weekend of the Fall season is typically accompanied by cooler temperatures and usually provides our first glimpse of the upcoming winter. Our personnel may have travel or activities planned that may expose them to risk. They must be prepared to acknowledge and mitigate those hazards. It is up to everyone to be ready for whatever event or situation will come next! The Army's "Ready... or Not?" campaign, including tools and resources, is available at the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website, at <https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns/AutumnWinter2015-16.aspx>.

3. According to the National Highway Safety Administration, driver behavior contributes to 94 percent of all motor vehicle crashes, meaning that nearly all of them are preventable. Research and Army statistical data for two or four wheel vehicle crashes reveals: speeding, following too closely, drowsy driving, distracted driving, impaired driving and not wearing seatbelts are major contributing behaviors. Keep in mind, it may often be a combination of behaviors. We encourage all personnel to take a hard look at what they do behind the wheel – or before getting behind the wheel. Someone is counting on you to stay **focused while driving** and **make right decisions** so you get there safely...every time!

4. We charge commanders, directors, supervisors and staff to ensure all personnel are briefed on the proper safety, accident prevention and risk management procedures prior to the holiday weekend.

5. CSM Curry and I thank you for your commitment and outstanding service to our great Nation. You have worked hard and deserve this time off, but do not become complacent about the hazards. Take care of each other and have a wonderful, safe Columbus Day. **Army Safe is Army Strong! Together We Are... the Voice of Our Army!**

  
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