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Thanksgiving is a time where we gather with family and friends to celebrate all that we have been given. During your holiday, take a few moments to reflect upon the past year while looking forward to another year with optimism and hope.

This year, I am thankful for the significant decrease in serious injuries and fatal accidents that our formation has sustained. I attribute this success to our Soldiers' commitment to duty and the strength of our leaders. Although it is a time for celebration, we must solemnly acknowledge the fact that Thanksgiving presents increased risks to our family and friends. I ask each of you to continuously assess the risks associated with your activities and take active measures to mitigate those risks.

The strength of the Fort Bliss community is our people. I want everyone to enjoy the holiday and take a well-deserved break from work. There are several risks associated with the Thanksgiving holiday. If you intend to travel, please plan appropriately, ensure your vehicle is prepared for the trip and you are well rested. If you choose to drink while celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday, please do so responsibly and make travel plans that include a designated driver, taxi, or alternate means of transportation.

With everyone's awareness and attentiveness, our goal of zero accidents, serious injuries, or loss of life is absolutely achievable. This goal will only be reached if we take care of each other and remain vigilant.

We wish you a safe holiday weekend and thank you for your continued selfless commitment to our great Nation, our Armed Forces, and the 1st Armored Division.

Iron Soldiers!

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Danny L. Day, and the signature on the right is for Robert P. White. Both signatures are stylized and cursive.

Danny L. Day
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
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Robert P. White
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding