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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR All US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Organizations

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Safety Memo

1. On Memorial Day, we remember those who, with honor, courage, and commitment, gave their lives in defense of our freedoms and all for which it stands. Without their selfless duty, we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

2. Ensure your safety this long weekend by making risk management key in all your plans. Ask yourself what can go wrong, and how to prevent it from happening. Your honest answers will help avoid disaster. Keep these safety basics in mind as you celebrate:

a. Weather – Summer is prone to severe weather. Since many activities take place outdoors, keep an eye on the weather and know where to take shelter if the need arises.

b. Driving – Make sure your vehicle is in good operating condition. Carry a roadside emergency and first aid kit. Travel during the day and get plenty of rest before departure.

c. Water Safety – Use common sense. Swim only where lifeguards are present and never dive into unknown or shallow water. Stay within the boat's capacity, and always wear a life jacket.

d. Cookouts – Follow the manufacturer's instructions for lighting and extinguishing grills. Never operate grills inside an enclosed area, and only use charcoal starter fluids designed for grills. Keep children and pets away from grills.

e. Alcohol – Do not drink and drive a vehicle or operate a boat. If you choose to drink, please do so in a responsible manner and ensure you have a designated driver.

3. Enjoy this Memorial Day weekend and take all the necessary precautions to ensure good memories. Stay safe and take care of each other.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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