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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: National Training Center and Fort Irwin Memorial Day Safety Message

1. On 30 May 2016, Fort Irwin will take time to honor all Americans who have given their life in service to our nation. We mourn their passing and honor those who continue to selflessly serve to ensure our continued security and protect our ideals of freedom.
2. Memorial Day also marks the start of the summer season and the Army's Safety Campaign, "101 Critical Days of Summer." The "critical days" are those days that fall between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Last year, just days into the campaign, we lost one of our own team members.
3. From FY14 through FY 15, over 78% of military accident fatalities occurred off duty. Opportunity leave and the upcoming PCS season will put our Soldiers at an even greater risk. Undoubtedly the most hazardous thing any of us do on a regular basis is operate a personally owned vehicle or motorcycle. I encourage everyone to view the Army Safety Center off duty presentation to help mitigate this increased risk titled: "Safety & Risk: Balance through Awareness" at <https://safety.army.mil/ODSAP>
4. This Memorial Day make a commitment to safety; accept no unnecessary risk; be aware of the risks inherent to your activities and the need to manage those risks. Training and good judgment will help minimize risk and significantly increase the enjoyment of not only the Memorial Day holiday but the rest of the summer as well. Train Hard, Be Safe, and Have Fun.

LEAD, TRAIN, WIN!



JOSEPH M. MARTIN
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