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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADQUARTERS AND MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO FORSCOM

SUBJECT: Summer Safety

1. On Memorial Day, we honor those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our Nation. This is a time of reflection and a time to remember the sacrifices of those who have served and those who currently place their lives in danger so that we may enjoy the freedoms so carefully guarded by a democratic nation.

2. Memorial Day weekend marks the start of the summer season that will see us through the Independence Day and Labor Day Holidays. Many families will travel on the roadways for vacations and extended road trips. Whether you plan to travel, engage in water activities, ride a motorcycle, or celebrate in the warm weather, carefully consider the risks involved and remain vigilant against reckless behavior. As you enjoy the summer with fireworks, cookouts, travel, and other recreational activities, remember that risk is always present and that you are only one bad decision away from changing your life, and potentially many others. Plan appropriately and incorporate risk management into your activities; a simple pause to evaluate the hazards can prevent an accident.

3. We want leaders, at all levels, to talk to every Soldier and Civilian about recognizing and managing the inherent risks of holiday travel, celebrations, and recreational activities in the summer heat before departure for Memorial Day weekend. Reinforce the application of Risk Management into off-duty activities and the dangerous effects of speeding, distracted driving, and operating any motor or recreational vehicle while impaired. Stress the hazards and reemphasize good decision-making and responsible conduct.

4. FORSCOM recently experienced the longest period in the command's recorded history without a Class A accident...58 days. That was not by happenstance. Engaged leaders and Soldiers, committed to our core mission (Readiness), are directly responsible. We urge you to remain vigilant and continue this great work.

5. Whether you are in uniform, a Department of the Army Civilian, or in support of our brave men and women as a Family member, thank you for your service.

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