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MEMORANDUM FOR IMCOM-Europe Region Staff, Host Nation Liaison Field Operating Activity, and United States Army Garrisons

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Holiday Safety Message

1. References:

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program.
- b. DA Pamphlet 385-10, Army Safety Program.

2. On Memorial Day we celebrate, remember, and honor America's fallen heroes -- the men and women who faithfully served in our Nation's military services.

3. They defended our Nation in times of peril. They protected our way of life against tyranny. They sacrificed their hopes for the future to ensure their loved ones and fellow Americans would continue to have the freedom and hope for the future that they cherished. We mourn their loss, but we celebrate their passion for freedom and their love for our Nation.

4. America's sons and daughters continue to answer the call to serve in our Nation's armed forces for they know freedom has a price. Today, America does not stand alone in conflict but with others who value our beliefs and share our hopes for peace. I am proud to be a Department of the Army civilian, and I am humbled by the bravery of the men and women in uniform who place themselves in harm's way so that others around the world may experience firsthand the freedom that we know and love as Americans.

5. Memorial Day weekend also marks the beginning of summer vacation and travel season. Many of you will choose to stay at home, fire up the grill, and enjoy the company of loved ones, friends, and neighbors. Others will take leave perhaps going to a family reunion or taking a mini-vacation.

6. Whatever your plans are for the extended weekend, I need each of you to manage your risks and maintain your situational awareness. To this end, I expect leaders to remind their personnel -- Soldiers and civilians -- how important they are to our mission before they depart for the holiday. Leaders must emphasize risk management. Be sure to highlight that proper planning and use of personal protective equipment (e.g., seatbelts, helmets, goggles) may prevent loss of life or serious injury. I also want you to address that combining alcohol with water-related activities, vehicle operation, and high-risk recreational activities can have deadly consequences for everyone involved.

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7. If their holiday plans include travel outside the local area, make sure they have a plan to arrive and return safely. While I encourage everyone to use the Travel Risk Planning System ([https://trips.safety.army.mil/ako\\_auth/TRIPS/default.aspx](https://trips.safety.army.mil/ako_auth/TRIPS/default.aspx)) to help with travel plans, it is mandatory for Soldiers. Also, ensure they leave a copy of their travel plan and how they can be reached in the event of an emergency. This is not about keeping tabs on our personnel or a question of trust but merely taking care of our own -- Soldiers and civilians. All of us, regardless of rank, age, or position, share in the responsibility of keeping our Army Family safe and secure.

8. Remember, for many Europeans we represent America. Always conduct yourselves accordingly. Enjoy your well deserved time off, stay safe, remain vigilant, and return refreshed and healthy.

  
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