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MEMORANDUM FOR TRADOC Leaders, Trainers, Soldiers, Employees, and Family Members

SUBJECT: Presidents' Holiday Safety Message

1. This week we honor the presidents who were instrumental in shaping the course of our great Nation and quality of life we experience today. Many members of the TRADOC Family will exercise that quality of life by taking advantage of the long weekend to travel, participate in winter sports, or catch up on household chores.
2. The challenges of harsh winter weather and associated driving hazards serve to increase the risks this time of year. I want TRADOC leaders to conduct pre-holiday safety briefings with all our personnel, giving special emphasis to the off-duty activities of their subordinates. Fatal accidents continue to occur when off duty, and the overwhelming majority involves operating private motor vehicles. Seatbelts are the single most effective safety measure in preventing serious injuries and reducing fatalities in motor vehicle accidents. Continue to emphasize the dangers of operating a vehicle when fatigued, under the influence of alcohol, or driving at excessive speeds. This combination of risk factors is the number-one killer of Soldiers.
3. As leaders, we must do everything within our power to increase the safety self awareness of our Soldiers. Involve our junior leadership in risk management discussions and accident prevention initiatives. They are best positioned to assist Soldiers in making the right decision and exercise responsible judgment.
4. We must all work toward an accident-free holiday weekend. A strong, safety-conscious attitude can help our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Enjoy your well-deserved time off.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Cone".

ROBERT W. CONE
General, U.S. Army
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