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

SUBJECT: Independence Day Holiday Safety Message

1. This Fourth of July marks our Nation's 238th year of independence. As we enjoy the holiday with family and friends, I ask that you take time to reflect on our values for which the founders of our great Nation fought and died – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As we celebrate the birth of our Nation, I want to thank each of you for your personal efforts in preserving America's freedoms.
2. Holiday weekends present increased risks for accidents. As you celebrate with fireworks, cookouts, travel, boating or other recreational activities, remember that risk is always present. Indiscipline, poor judgment, or a single moment of reckless behavior, can result in serious injuries or accidental fatalities.
3. Your personal involvement makes a difference in our accident prevention efforts. I want leaders at all levels to talk to every Soldier and Civilian employee about the inherent dangers of holiday travel, celebrations, and recreational activities. Reinforce the use of risk management in off-duty activities. Emphasize the dangerous impacts of speeding, driving while fatigued, distracted driving, and driving under the influence while operating motor vehicles, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles.
4. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day weekend. Thank you for your service and all you do for the Army and our Nation.
5. Safety Starts Here! Victory Starts Here!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Perkins", written over the signature line.

DAVID G. PERKINS
General, U.S. Army
Commanding