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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend Safety Message

1. Presidents' Day is celebrated on February 20th when we pause, reflect, and honor our Nation's rich history, and salute former Presidents for the legacy of leadership they have provided our Nation for more than two centuries. This month, as we honor George Washington and Abraham Lincoln – the Presidents whose birthdays we commemorate – let us also remember our men and women in uniform, our dedicated civilians, and our Families that all continue to defend the rights and principles for which these men dedicated their lives.
2. Many of our military, civilians, and their Families will use this holiday weekend to travel outside the local area to visit relatives, friends or enjoy a winter vacation. Commanders and supervisors must ensure that our military members and civilians are informed on the potential hazards during this long weekend. Commanders will conduct safety briefings prior to this holiday weekend, to include discussion on the Battle Buddy System, safe alcohol consumption, safety driving tips (especially in winter weather), fatigue avoidance, and seat belt usage (among others).
3. I remind all Soldiers that use of the TRiPS on-line POV risk assessment tool is mandatory for all personnel on leave, pass, or TDY. I also encourage other Service members and civilian employees to use it as well. The TRiPS tools may be found at <https://safety.army.mil/home/>. This is a valuable tool that can help to save lives.
4. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Presidents' Day Holiday weekend. As valuable team members of this command, we need all of you to return to work safe and sound after an enjoyable, and well earned holiday. Army Safe is Army Strong!!


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