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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2014 Independence Day Holiday Safety Message

1. As we approach this year's Independence Day Holiday, I want to encourage all Service members, Civilians, and family members to have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. By celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the beginning of a new era in American democracy, we recall the valor and vision of patriots from Thirteen Colonies who declared independence from a powerful empire, giving birth to a new Nation.
2. Safety remains our number one priority, and this holiday brings us closer to the halfway point of the "101 Critical Days of Summer." I want to emphasize that we must not allow our enthusiasm for holiday celebrations to override awareness of the associated risks. We should remind each other to "buckle up" in the vehicle, have a designated driver or grab a cab if needed, and always remain aware of your surroundings. These simple acts could save a life.
3. Commanders, leaders, and Noncommissioned officers at every level must conduct safety briefings to ensure all personnel are aware of the major safety concerns usually associated with long holiday weekends. Leaders must stress the importance of not drinking and driving, speeding, driving while fatigued and the use of seat belts. Additionally, leadership engagement is absolutely essential to ensuring all motorcycles are properly registered and requisite training has been completed.
4. On our Nation's birthday we come together in the enduring spirit of America, let us be grateful for the blessings that freedom represents and for the opportunities it affords each and every one of us. Denise and I wish you a safe and enjoyable Independence Day. Safety First!

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