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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Columbus Day Holiday Safety Message

1. On 8 October 2012, we will remember Christopher Columbus and his discovery of our great nation. You, our military and civilian employees, are part of America's legacy, and I appreciate your daily demonstration of discipline, ingenuity, and pursuit of common goals.
2. I want to thank each of you for your strong efforts toward safety in all on- and off-duty activities. Your focus has contributed to 349 consecutive days with no military fatalities due to accidents. Keep up the good work and, before the long weekend, please ensure that all members of your teams (military, civilian, and contractor) understand and know how to plan for and mitigate the risks inherent to holiday activities.
3. As we begin the transition to fall and winter, I urge you to inspect personal operating vehicles, plan ahead, and be prepared for decreasing daylight and inclement weather when you travel. Always buckle up and ensure your passengers do the same. And, if you choose to drink alcohol, always have a designated driver.
4. Fall is also the beginning of hunting seasons. If you choose to hunt, be prepared. Know and comply with all regulations and guidelines; familiarize yourselves with firearm and tree stand safety; know your hunting location and who or what is around you; and advise family or friends where you will be and when you plan to return. While you hunt, I also encourage you to carry a first-aid kit and a means to communicate.
5. Continue to take care of each other and make it an accident-free, safe, and enjoyable holiday weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Yenter".

MARK W. YENTER
Major General, USA
Commanding

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