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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Veterans Day Safety Message

1. "Originally called Armistice Day, Veteran's Day began as a commemoration of the ending of World War I (November 11, 1918). Twenty years later, after World War II, it was recognized as a day to pay tribute to all service members and officially became a Federal Holiday. In 1956 Armistice Day was re-designated as Veteran's Day so it would honor all American veterans. In addition to honoring all service members, Veteran's Day traditionally marks the end of fall and the beginning of winter. For many of us, this is a good time for Families and friends to get together, which means it will encompass many hazards for our Installation Command (IMCOM) Family.
2. Throughout this holiday we must stand by our responsibilities. Be an example to your team in everything they do from wearing a seatbelt to volunteering as a designated driver. Remember that when you take unnecessary risks or tolerate risky behavior from your Soldiers, coworkers or friends, it always affects someone else, and the consequences can be devastating.
3. As we pause to observe Veterans Day, to remember and honor those men and women who have sacrificed so we might enjoy the many freedoms of this great nation, I ask that each of you renew your commitment to safety and risk management in everything you do. Remember, you have the power to make things safer in your corner of the world and I encourage you to honor our veterans by doing your part to keep them safe and alive to celebrate another Veterans Day.
4. We remain proud of our IMCOM Family and thank you again for what you do each and every day for our Nation. Take a moment on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honor veterans, past and present. There is no greater testament to your spirit than the continued service you provide to the Army and our Nation.

Be safe, but enjoy this Holiday break; you deserve it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlette K. Woodard".

CHARLETTE K. WOODARD
LTC, AG
Commanding

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