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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FORT GORDON PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Winter Holiday Safety

1. The holiday season is a time of celebration, holiday activities, travel, family, friends, reflection, and hope of the New Year to come. However, unpredictable weather, delays in travel, and an increase of social activities can become disastrous if poorly planned. We must ensure to promote all possible safety measures for the holidays.

2. The key to success lies with Leaders involved at every level of safety awareness. They must facilitate the use of all safety tools and systems available to teach every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Civilian on how to have a safe and happy holiday season. All personnel must realize it is their responsibility to be safe, and to conduct themselves in a way that reflects credit upon the Unites States Army Signal Center of Excellence and the Armed Forces. All Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians are part of our Military Family, and as part of our Military Family, each member is critical to our success.

3. Hazards come from many sources. As holiday activities increase so do the hazards from privately owned vehicles, alcohol abuse, fire from decorations, and other holiday related accidents. We have many resources to guide our Soldiers and Civilians through holiday activities. Leaders must continue to reinforce the knowledge that the Combat Readiness Center (CRC) and the Fort Gordon Safety Office propagate. These messages are found on posters, pamphlets, and other literature promoting save driving, responsible alcohol consumption, and appropriate cell phone use.

4. For many, the holidays are a time of joy and celebration. For others, these days are marked by loneliness, stress, and isolation. Leaders must be attentive and ready to accept responsibility for the welfare of another person in his or her hour of need - to be that battle buddy you would want to have around to help you.

5. Let us celebrate our freedoms and the great strengths that come from sharing traditions, ideas, resources, and hopes and dreams. Please, set the standard - Be safe! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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