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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Veterans Day Holiday Safety Message

1. For nearly a century, we have celebrated our nation's veterans on November 11th, the anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War One. When the cannons of that war were silenced, America's citizens believed they had endured the "war to end all wars"; however, as history has proven, our nation still needs its military. On Veteran's Day, we honor and celebrate the strength, courage, and dedicated service of all veterans, past and present, who have served in conflict and who have sought to preserve peace.
2. I want to thank each of you—military, DoD civilians, family members, and retirees—for all you do to support our nation and to accomplish our important mission here at Fort Leonard Wood. I want to commend our Soldiers and leaders for their safety focus; your efforts have contributed to 386 days free from military fatalities due to accidents. Well done.
3. To continue our success in safety, I urge you to continue to buckle up and ensure that your passengers do the same. If you choose to drink alcohol, always have a designated driver. In all you do, remember—as members of the Army team—we are called to live our values on and off duty, and we will never leave a comrade behind. As we enter the long weekend, leaders should engage with their buddies and teams to reinforce these messages and to ensure that they have solid plans to mitigate the risks inherent with holidays.
4. If you choose to hunt, 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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