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SUBJECT: Memorial Day Holiday Safety Message 2010

- 1. As we prepare to observe Memorial Day, I encourage all USASMDC/ARSTRAT Soldiers, Civilians, Contractors and Family members to reflect on those who served before us to defend our freedoms and protect our democracy.
- 2. While Memorial Day marks the traditional beginning of the summer season, it is also the beginning of the "101 Critical Days of Summer." These are the days between Memorial Day and Labor Day when there is a significant increase in off-duty accidents and injuries. Leaders must reiterate the importance of safety awareness and education prior to Memorial Day and the summer season. We should focus our discussions on alcohol use, fatigue, speeding, the use of the buddy system and standards.
- 3. If you are traveling this Memorial Day weekend, remember to allot enough time to safely reach your destination, wear seat belts, and do not drink and drive.
- 4. I wish all of the members of the USASMDC/ARSTRAT Family a very safe Memorial Day and ask that you take a moment to remember, with appreciation and pride, those who gave their lives for the noble causes of freedom and peace. Thanks for what you do every day for our men and women serving around the world.

"SECURE THE HIGH GROUND"

Lieutenant General, USA Commanding General

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