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Memorial Day Safety Message

1. Memorial Day is a time for remembrance of our men and women who died in the defense of our country. The Memorial Day holiday weekend is also the traditional start of summer. I strongly encourage you to make the most of the holiday weekend. Take the opportunity for some leave, visit Korean cultural sites, participate in sports and recreational activities or have a picnic with friends and teammates. While it will be a great four day break, we also know all too well that there are dangers and hazards associated with everything we do, I ask everyone's help to prevent accidents and acts of indiscipline.
2. Risk management is a Leader responsibility, which must be internalized by all of us. A deliberate approach to safety practices demonstrates our genuine concern for our Soldiers, Civilians, Family members, and host nation partners. We have a responsibility to look out for one another – meaning leader to led, peer to peer, friend to friend, Soldier to Soldier.
3. You must routinely talk with your subordinates in small groups or individually about their activities and review safe practices for events, both on and off duty. We have a duty to represent self-discipline and professionalism of an American Soldier at all times, not just when wearing the uniform. I expect us to be responsible and accountable in the use of alcohol, and charge everyone in helping prevent incidents not in keeping with our standards and values. Ensure you and your Soldiers **"Think Twice"** before moving out on a path of unknowable risk.
4. I remind each of you that accidents pose an immediate and likely threat to the safety and well-being of our organization. From sunburns to swimming in unmarked areas, warm weather brings on new seasonal hazards compounded with increased alcohol consumption and dehydration. Additionally, fire risks increase during summer with the use of charcoal grills. The best protection is for each of us to remain vigilant and to maintain focus in regard to avoiding hazardous situations and reducing or eliminating risks. I thank each of you for your dedication, service and support. Enjoy your well-deserved holiday and return to work safely. Remember, each of you is a vital member of the Second Infantry Division Warrior Team.
5. Warriors, thank you for all that you do here in the Republic of Korea. Your efforts continue to make you and the 2nd Infantry Division truly - **Second to None!**

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