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Memorial Day is a time when we honor those citizens and members of our Armed Forces who gave their last full measure of devotion in the service of our country. On this unique American holiday, we remember that they gave *everything* to defend a nation built on life, liberty and hope, and we honor the sacrifice they made for our freedom. We also mark the unofficial start of summer and launch the Army's Summer Safety Campaign.

Summer is a great time to take advantage of recreational activities in and around the water like swimming, boating, fishing and more. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in the Army, and alcohol is often a contributing factor. Whether at the pool, the ocean, or on one of the many lakes, rivers or streams in the region, I ask you to be mindful of risks and take extra precaution to ensure safety for yourself, your friends and your loved ones.

Soon the school year will end, and moving vans will be a common sight here at Carlisle Barracks. This also means an increase in the amount of vehicular traffic all across the installation.

If your children ride bicycles, please ensure they understand basic rules of the road. Make sure their equipment is in proper working order, and remind them that they *must* wear a helmet while riding a bicycle on post.

Pedestrian safety is also important. If you are driving a motor vehicle, remember to obey posted speed limits and give pedestrians the right-of-way in all crosswalks. Walkers themselves must be alert and should never step into a crosswalk without first checking for traffic. Sidewalks should be used whenever possible.

Report accidents. Accident reporting is one of the most important tools leaders have to identify issues and take corrective action. If you are not sure if an accident/incident needs to be reported, please contact the Installation Safety Office at 245-4353/4286.

The first step toward accident prevention is vigilance. Each of you – students, faculty, staff, and family members – makes Carlisle Barracks a great Army community. *We need you* to be safe, because you

are why we exist, and why we are able to accomplish our vital mission of developing, inspiring, and serving strategic leaders.

So, as we commemorate the lives sacrificed in service on this Memorial Day, and we celebrate the start of summer, I encourage you to have a safe and enjoyable time with family, friends and loved ones.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

*Prudens Futuri* -- Wisdom and Strength for the Future.

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