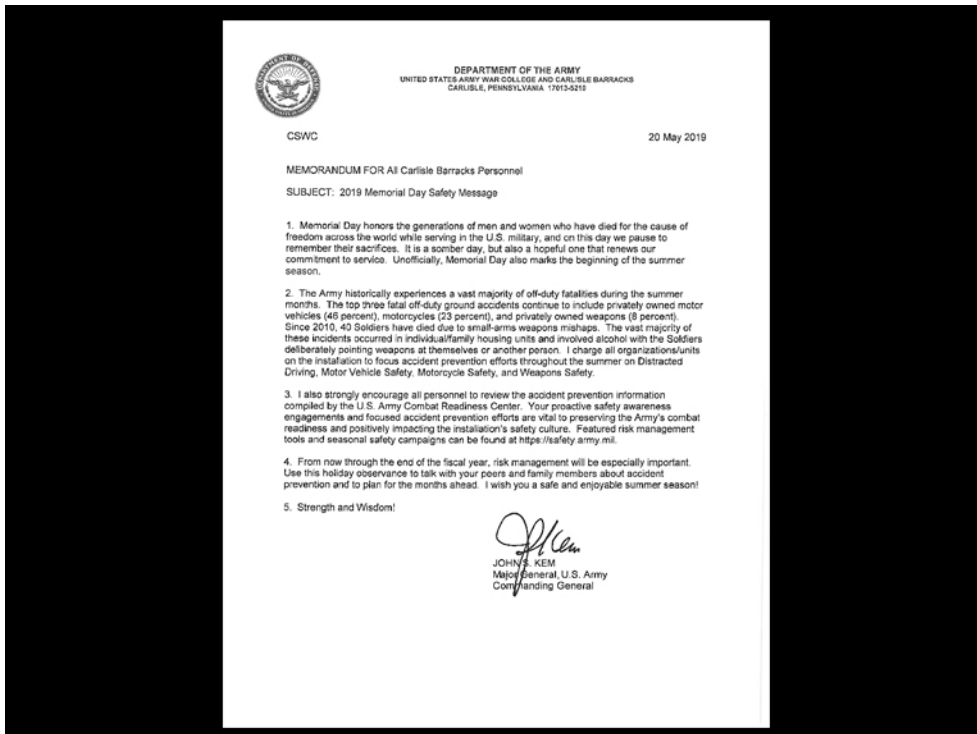


# Commandant's Memorial Day Safety Message

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Carlisle Barracks Personnel

SUBJECT: 2019 Memorial Day Safety Message

1. Memorial Day honors the generations of men and women who have died for the cause of freedom across the world while serving in the U.S. military, and on this day we pause to remember their sacrifices. It is a somber day, but also a hopeful one that renews our commitment to service. Unofficially, Memorial Day also marks the beginning of the summer season.

2. The Army historically experiences a vast majority of off-duty fatalities during the summer months. The top three fatal off-duty ground accidents

continue to include privately owned motor vehicles (46 percent), motorcycles (23 percent), and privately owned weapons (8 percent). Since 2010, 40 Soldiers have died due to small-arms weapons mishaps. The vast majority of these incidents occurred in individual/family housing units and involved alcohol with the Soldiers deliberately pointing weapons at themselves or another person. I charge all organizations/units on the installation to focus accident prevention efforts throughout the summer on Distracted Driving, Motor Vehicle Safety, Motorcycle Safety, and Weapons Safety.

3. I also strongly encourage all personnel to review the accident prevention information compiled by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. Your proactive safety awareness engagements and focused accident prevention efforts are vital to preserving the Army's combat readiness and positively impacting the installation's safety culture. Featured risk management tools and seasonal safety campaigns can be found at <https://safety.army.mil>.

4. From now through the end of the fiscal year, risk management will be especially important. Use this holiday observance to talk with your peers and family members about accident prevention and to plan for the months ahead. I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer season!

5. Strength and Wisdom!

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