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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2003-2004 Winter Safety Campaign

1. The risks brought on by the winter season are near: Inclement weather and longer hours of darkness. I am deeply concerned about the increased risks that are compounded by forces deploying/redeploying and subsequently reintegrating into the European theater. Commanders and leaders must provide soldiers with the knowledge they need to effectively manage those risks. Each Separate Brigade and Division Rear Detachment is tasked with developing winter safety programs to run from **1 November 2003 through 31 May 2004**.
2. Brigade and Division Rear Detachment Commanders will review and analyze their unit's past accident and injury trends, develop winter safety programs and submit them to V Corps Safety for review and approval by **26 September 2003**. The campaign will concentrate on the following areas: field and garrison training; cold-injury prevention; weather-related hazards (snow, black ice, fog, high winds, and extreme cold); heater safety in tents, living areas, homes, and vehicles, including carbon monoxide and oxygen deprivation; privately owned vehicle (POV) and motorcycle reorientation for returning soldiers and for those making extended seasonal trips; winter-recreation safety; and other seasonal hazards relating to family and community (for example, running, traffic). Commanders responsible for deploying/redeploying and reintegrating troops will also ensure that their safety programs include: movement operations by convoy, rail, barge, sea, and air, and the safety aspects of personnel reintegration. Special emphasis should be given to V Corps leaders and soldiers who may not have experience with European-unique risks associated with rail and convoy operations. The enclosed Tabs to the USAREUR 2003-2004 Winter Safety Campaign memorandum provide information central to these subjects.
3. All personnel subject to working or training in environments that could result in cold-weather injuries will receive cold-weather injury-prevention training by **1 November 2003**. A cold weather injury Control Officer/NCO must be appointed at each Separate Brigade and Division Rear Detachment who will be responsible for ensuring all personnel receive training in cold weather injury recognition, treatment and preventive measures. Appointments must be in writing and names of those points of contact; their phone number and e-mail address are to be furnished to V Corps Safety by **14 October 2003**.

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4. Units and organizations will conduct refresher risk-management training by **1 November 2003** using FM 100-14 and the training package on the USAREUR Safety Website. Leaders and soldiers are to be trained to make the risk-management process integral to planning and execution of both on-and off-duty activities. Risk-management training must address risk identification and the mitigation of winter hazards. Changing environmental conditions must be addressed in all risk-mitigation processes. Each Separate Brigade and Division Rear Detachment will contact the V Corps Safety Office to schedule an assistance visit prior to 1 November 2003. Risk Management training will be offered and information will be provided to help further eliminate hazards or reduce the risk thereby protecting our soldiers, civilians, and family members.

5. Each Separate Brigade and Division Rear Detachment will execute the following specific tasks to help maintain momentum and focus throughout the campaign.

a. Conduct noncommissioned officer development and officer professional development programs (NCODP/OPD) that train leaders for successful implementation and continued support of this campaign.

b. Monitor subordinate units in their execution of this campaign by conducting quarterly assistance visits.

c. Ensure off-duty risks for activities, including winter running, recreational sports, and snow removal; and for winter hazards such as fire, carbon monoxide, and slippery surfaces are assessed.

d. Ensure that a mechanism is in place for first-line leader risk-assessment and risk-mitigation assistance to soldiers when planning off-duty activities.

e. Ensure that soldiers have a current physical examination that is not more than 5 years old.

f. Record and report lessons learned on safety-related issues to V Corps Safety by **1 February 2004**.

g. Accomplish the following additional tasks if you have personnel deploying or redeploying:

(1) Request required safety courses according to USAREUR Regulation 350-1 through the Seventh Army Training Command Deployed Operations Group. Courses include the Safety Officer/NCO Course (SOC 40), Hazardous Materials Driver Training Course (HAZ 11), and Hazardous Materials (-2) Certification Course (HAZ 12).

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(2) Accomplish the following if you have redeploying personnel:

(a) Establish an amnesty collection program with IMA-Europe that provides reasonable opportunity for troops to dispose of contraband without retribution and includes a unit plan to process and dispose of the material.

(b) Integrate the Deployment Cycle Support Program with this campaign.

(c) Institute drug and alcohol awareness training before allowing troops to take block leave.

(3) Ensure that POV licensing and registration requirements are met and that all individuals have received a reorientation to their vehicle and safe driving procedures before operation.

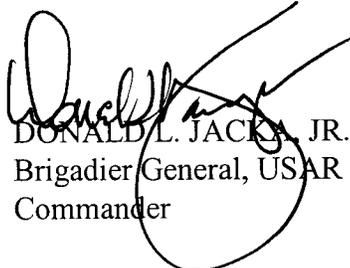
(4) Coordinate with IMA-Europe to obtain transportation support during the initial period of a deployed soldier's return.

6. Awareness of the winter safety campaign is critical. The V Corps Public Affairs Office will publish a variety of safety tools on the V Corps website homepage throughout the campaign. There will be numerous articles and advertisements distributed in Germany and downrange. Interviews with soldiers and their family members will be conducted that specifically address the soldier's return from deployment, AFN spots will air, and a video created that provides redeployment safety information to play at point of departure. The V Corps and USAREUR Safety websites also have information and briefings for winter safety. Access the V Corps Safety site at: <http://www.vcorps.army.mil/safety/>. If you do not have access to the website, call the V Corps Safety Office at 370-5661 for assistance.

7. Accidents on and off duty, not only impact families, but also affect our readiness and ability to conduct missions. Use this time to focus on making the winter safety campaign an aggressive one so we can protect our number one resource – V Corps soldiers, civilians and their families.

8. Victory Corps!

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