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SUBJECT: Commander's Policy on Safety

1. We have participated in one of the safest and most successful major engagements in the history of V Corps. As we move on to future operations, we will make the same commitment to safety that allowed success during this engagement.

2. As the Commander and Senior Safety Officer for V Corps, it is my goal to ensure Soldiers do not let their guard down regarding safety. We have redeployed and will not be engaged in combat operations, less we will still face significant hazards. I charge leaders at all levels to implement appropriate measures and safety awareness programs to identify on and off duty hazards, develop corrective measures and implement programs that will reduce needless loss of life and destruction of equipment.

3. Safety is an integral part of all we do. Leaders have responsibility to monitor the actions of subordinates. Complacency will not be tolerated. Leaders will be concerned with Soldier's welfare and combat preparedness during recovery periods and preparations for future operations. This preparedness will include the physical and mental well-being, training, personal and family readiness of our Soldiers. Safety awareness must encompass these aspects with the goal of eliminating conditions that pose a threat to the safety of our people.

4. Safety is not only a leader's responsibility. Everyone encounters events during daily activities that require risk decisions to be made. Soldiers must take the time to make good decisions and point out unsafe work conditions and acts to their supervisors. I charge every soldier to evaluate their daily activities and not allow unnecessary risk.

5. We are in a dangerous occupation and risk can never be fully eliminated. Loss of life and equipment is never an acceptable "cost of doing business". Leaders will be thoroughly familiar with the risk management process and integrate risk reduction measures into every operation.

6. Victory Corps!

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