



# Commanding General's and Command Sergeant Major's Presidents' Day Safety Message



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Soldiers, Civilians, and Families across the nation will observe George Washington's Birthday, also known as Presidents' Day, on 17 February 2020. The Presidents' Day Holiday is a time to honor the achievements of our past Commanders-in-Chief; leaders who built our great nation and brought freedom to many parts of the world. These esteemed men built the United States of America on a foundation of ideals and values that we, in turn, uphold as Soldiers and Civilians in our magnificent Army. We encourage you to take this opportunity to celebrate the rich legacies of our national leaders and remain vigilant at all times.

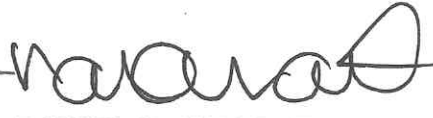
Many of you will take advantage of the long weekend to travel, participate in recreational activities, or catch up on household chores. Whatever you do, keep safety in mind and take the necessary precautions against potential hazards such as adverse weather conditions, fatigue, speeding, and impaired or distracted driving. Make sure that every Soldier, Civilian, and Family Member understands the risk of drinking and driving, as well as the safety, regulatory, and legal requirements for operating a motorcycle.

The CSM and I encourage all Soldiers and Civilian employees to have sound safety plans for this holiday weekend. We also recommend that they use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) on-line POV/POM risk assessment tool (<https://trips.safety.army.mil>) for all travel plans.

Thank you for your selfless service to our great nation. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Presidents' Day Holiday weekend. Enjoy it and remember to always play it safe. Army Safe is Army Strong!

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