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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Holiday POV Fatality -- Fatality Memo 03-08

1. Our extended President's Day weekend resulted in tragedy. A III Corps soldier died as the result of a traffic accident last Friday. As the soldier was attempting to make a left turn, another vehicle struck the soldier's auto on the passenger side. Both drivers were killed. Alcohol was not involved in this accident; however, neither driver wore their seatbelt. The accident is still under investigation.

2. This is the seventh POV fatality the Corps has experienced in FY03. Two more fatalities, to date, than we experienced in FY02. POV accidents continue to kill more soldiers throughout the Army than all other causes combined. To change this adverse trend, commanders should continue to use the "POV TOOLBOX" which is in the G1 Safety public folder titled "Toolbox" and other resources that are available on the US Army Safety Center website <http://safety.army.mil/home.html>. These sites contain valuable information to use in your accident prevention efforts.

3. As we continue our deployments and preparation for a possible war, we cannot overlook our off-duty accident prevention efforts. We must review our efforts to prevent POV accidents and ensure leaders are taking a hands-on approach at the first-line supervisor level to influence the way our soldiers operate their POVs. It will take every soldier to make our mission a success.

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