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Columbus Day Safety Awareness

On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus discovered America after months of hardship with his crew on the open sea. Through his perseverance, courage, and determination he overcame every conceivable setback and arrived safe. On Columbus Day, we not only celebrate his arrival to the New World, but also his spirit for discovery. This holiday weekend is a great opportunity to discover and experience the wonderful treasures that Korea has to offer.

Just like Columbus prepared for his journey, we ask that you sit down, plan your journey using tools like the Travel Risk Planning System (TriPs), and share it with your chain of command. While Korea offers many cultural experiences, the unfamiliarity of a foreign country may result in challenging situations. Coming up with a plan before you start enjoying your long weekend will help in identifying and preventing danger.

Being safe this weekend is also about doing the right thing. It is what each of us pledged to do when we took an oath and began as honorable servants to our Nation, and we trust that all of you will do just that. We ask you to have the perseverance, courage, and determination to take the time to review your weekend plans and arrive back safely.

We are very proud of each of you and consider it an honor to serve with you. We want you to maintain situational awareness, enjoy your weekend, and act as ambassadors to our Korean hosts. Have a safe and relaxing holiday weekend.

Eighth Army is Strong and Getting Stronger!

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