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MEMORANDUM FOR AIRMEN & GUARDIANS

FROM: AF/SE

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SUBJECT: Stay Safe, Stay Ready: 101 Critical Days of Summer

As we welcome the summer months, it's time for well-deserved vacations, outdoor adventures, and quality time with loved ones. However, it's crucial to remember that **summer often brings an increase in safety risks, both on and off duty**. DAF leadership values the well-being of every Airman and Guardian, and we want everyone to enjoy a safe and memorable summer.

Historically, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day sees a rise in preventable accidents. **Last year alone, we tragically lost 11 teammates due to preventable mishaps**, primarily motor vehicle accidents influenced by reckless driving, alcohol consumption, speeding, and fatigue. These losses underscore the importance of individual responsibility and the direct impact of our choices on ourselves, our families, and our mission.

Commanders and supervisors play a crucial role in cultivating a risk-aware culture through regular safety briefings, emphasizing risk management practices, and fostering a culture that prioritizes well-being. Let's make this summer safe and memorable. Look out for each other, embrace responsible choices, and cultivate a risk management culture to ensure everyone enjoys a fulfilling and successful season.

When safety hazards are minimized, we preserve our critical combat capability...you! This requires a fundamental shift towards empowering Airmen and Guardians at all levels to make risk-informed decisions and operate safer, smarter, and more effectively.

I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to our Nation, the Department of the Air Force, and our mission.

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