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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USAG ANSBACH MILITARY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Motorcycling – Manage Risk to Stay Safe!

1. Although there are many varieties of motorcycles and motorcyclists, all motorcyclists share one thing in common – an element of increase risk.
2. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports, “Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists were more than 26 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash and five times more likely to be injured. By following a few simple guidelines, you can reduce your chances of being involved in a motorcycle crash whenever you ride and wherever you go.
 - a. Download the Motorcycle Safety Foundation’s (MSF) T-CLOCS inspection checklist (http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS_Inspection_Checklist.pdf) to your handy and conduct an inspection before you ride to ensure your vehicle is ready for the road.
 - b. Ride unimpaired -- Safe motorcycling is a physical and mental process, which takes balance, coordination, and good judgment. Alcohol and prescription and non-prescription drugs can impair your ability to operate your vehicle safely.
 - c. Wear protective riding gear – all the gear, all the time (ATGATT) no exceptions. This include wearing a reflective vest that increases your visibility to your fellow motorists.
 - d. Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use the MSF’s Search, Evaluate, and Execute (SEESM) strategy to increase your safety margins.
 - e. See yourself – you know your limits, respect them. Don't push it to impress others or let the thrill of the ride overrule common sense.
 - f. Make sure you know how to handle your motorcycle in a variety of conditions (e.g., inclement weather or encountering hazards such as slick roads, potholes, and road debris).
 - g. Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they can't properly judge your speed.

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3. Although the above can help you lower the risk in riding, motorcycling is still a high-risk activity. Especially, if you ride precariously and at speeds too fast for road or traffic conditions, or beyond your skills, you increase the risk of crashing. When you crash at excessive speeds, ATGATT may not protect you. Therefore, always ride at speeds that will allow you to recognize and safely avoid hazards. If the hazard or collision is unavoidable, wearing ATGATT combined with lower speed, safer speed should help minimize or even prevent grave bodily injury.

4. When you see a fellow rider, military or DA civilian, taking unnecessary risk or placing themselves or others in harm's way don't hesitate to approach them about their behavior. Everyone is a leader and everyone must act to prevent loss. The needless loss or injury of one Soldier or DA civilian is one too many. I urge you to ride smart and drive defensively to stay safe this riding season

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