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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FRANCONIA MILITARY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Motorcycling – Ride Smart to Stay Safe!

1. Whether you ride a motorcycle because it's exhilarating, it reduces your carbon footprint, or for transportation there's one thing you have in common with every motorcyclists – the element of increased risk.

2. According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, nearly 80% of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death, as compared to 20% for automobiles. Stated differently, *you are 400% more likely to get hurt or result in death if you crash on a motorcycle*, as compared to a car. 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 and install the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) T-CLOCS inspection checklist ([http://msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS\\_Inspection\\_Checklist\\_2012.pdf](http://msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS_Inspection_Checklist_2012.pdf)) onto your Smartphone 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.

d. Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use the MSF's Search, Evaluate, and Execute (SEE<sup>SM</sup>) 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. The Army expects you to operate your vehicle responsibly. If you ride precariously and at speeds too fast for road or traffic conditions, or beyond your skills, you are likely to crash. 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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