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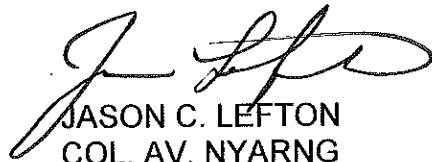
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: State Army Aviation Officer Safety Message

1. The purpose of this organization's safety program is to enhance combat readiness through the proactive use of risk management for accident prevention.
2. The ability of an individual and/or unit to accomplish a task safely is directly proportional to how proficient that individual and/or unit is at that task. Our collective goal is to ensure we train to standard and incorporate the principles of risk management. Achieving this shared goal results in safe realistic training and successful operations.
3. NYARNG aviation units have safely completed numerous deployments and all Soldiers need to maintain the high level of safety awareness that made those deployment successful. Senior NCOs must continue to ensure that junior NCOs, and Soldiers, are effectively identifying potential hazards, mitigating them, and most importantly employing mitigating measures. Furthermore, Senior Leaders must consistently set the example, and instill the values, of safe operations practices and continually mentor our junior Soldiers.
4. All Soldiers must understand risk management and apply those principles to all that we do, both on and off duty. The loss of a Soldier is equally devastating whether it occurs in or out of uniform. Take no unnecessary risks. //
5. In summary, a disciplined force, both on and off duty, which is trained to standard, equals a combat ready force that conducts the mission safely.

  
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