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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR Soldiers, Family Members, and Civilian Employees of 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley

SUBJECT: September Suicide Prevention Month

1. The Chief of Staff of the Army's #1 Priority is People. At 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, we value the life of everyone and celebrate the contributions we make individually and collectively to improve our Army Family, Communities, and individual readiness.
2. This September, 1st Infantry Division challenges everyone (Soldiers, Family Members, and Civilians) to celebrate the purpose of life and the connection we have to each other. Every life is valued. We—from Soldiers to Civilians to Family Members—are 1st Infantry Division's greatest strength.
3. It is a sign of inner strength for a Soldier or individual to seek help when issues arise. As Soldiers, we look after one another while instilling, building, and living the Army Values which allow us to improve the culture of trust at every level of command. We must redouble our educational efforts along some of the most common early issues (financial training, marriage counseling, relationship mentorship, and drug/alcohol education) and build processes to check on the well-being of ourselves in order to prevent issues. This means Engaged Leaders, Battle Buddies, and Family Members t all levels having frank discussions on possible issues of concern to gain insight on potential problems and connect people with the appropriate help.
4. As the Nation and our Army recognizes National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month this September, 1st Infantry Division is dedicated to the Value of Life of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members. It is our commitment to reduce suicide rates within our community while strengthening and building a culture of trust in the Big Red One.

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