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CG's Millrinder Message #8: Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month

Team 21, in May we celebrate Military Appreciation Month. Let us recognize the great men and women of our Armed Forces who each and every day embody the profession of arms which keeps our country free. For military Family members, this month also shows that their sacrifice does not go unnoticed.

Memorial Day affords each of us an opportunity to pay tribute to the patriotism and valor of those who heeded their nation's call and made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Originally called Decoration Day, this day was set aside for people to decorate the graves of Soldiers who died during the Civil War. It is customary to visit a military cemetery on Memorial Day and commemorate our fallen warriors.

I am honored to preside over Memorial Day ceremonies at both Panzer Kaserne, Germany, and at the military cemetery in Somme, France. Living in Germany, we, as Soldiers and civilians, are blessed to be within traveling distance of several military cemeteries providing resting places to America's heroes.

Memorial Day weekend is also a great chance to spend some well-deserved time with friends and family. If you are taking a trip, make travel safety your number one priority. Ensure your vehicle is in a safe and working order and plan using the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS), located at www.safety.army.mil.

As we kick off the summer season, let's not forget what this important holiday is all about - the sacrifices men and women of our great military made for this great nation. Be safe, take care of one another, and enjoy the beautiful outdoors and warm weather. God bless you, Team 21 Families, our Army, and the Nation as we support and defend!

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Sincerely,

John R. O'Connor
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REMEMBER OUR
FALLEN COMRADES
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