



Holidays 2011

Families are the bedrock of our Army, and this holiday season, many Soldiers will have the opportunity to spend an extended leave with loved ones and friends. Still others will be celebrating the holidays surrounded by their Army Family, far from the comforts and safety of home. We thank all of you — our Soldiers, Family members and Army Civilians — for your many sacrifices in the defense of freedom, now and every day.

The holidays are a time to focus on what's important, and we want you to remember how important you are to the people in your life. Your relationships with your spouse, children, parents, siblings and fellow Soldiers can't be replaced — only you can fulfill them. Preventable accidents leave far too many voids in Families and formations across our Army every year, and we need you to stay safe in everything you do. Winter weather, fatigue and alcohol are all deadly on the road, so it's imperative that you plan ahead, get plenty of rest and stay sober when you're behind the wheel. Also remember that while you may be separated from your battle buddies by distance and time, your responsibility for one another never diminishes. Check in often and make sure they are playing it safe in all their holiday activities.

Thank you again for everything you do for our nation and our Army. On behalf of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center team, we wish you and yours a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and New Year.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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