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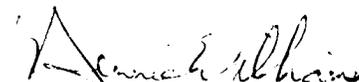


21st Theater Support Command

Independence Day Weekend Safety



1. Independence Day, the celebration of America's National Heritage, will be observed on Monday, 5 July 2004 and Friday, 2 July 2004 and has been designated a USAREUR Training Holiday. Traditionally, this is a weekend of outdoor fun, parties, and fireworks – all of which, when not properly thought out, present their own hazards.
2. Prior to this long holiday weekend, leaders must ensure all soldiers view the "Be Safe!" video from the U.S. Army Safety Center. All personnel must be briefed on defensive driving, drinking and driving, the use of seat belts, hot weather injuries, water safety, barbecue grill safety, and on the hazards of fireworks. The "Be Safe!" video has been distributed to the MSCs and Holiday / Summer Safety Briefings are available on the Command Safety Office Webpage. Contact my Safety staff for assistance.
3. Remember, passes or leaves will not be granted to soldiers unless they have received a safety briefing from the unit leaders at the company / platoon level and a "meeting under the oak tree" with their squad-level / first-line NCO. Junior leaders will discuss leave plans with their soldiers, agree on specific measures to ensure each soldiers' safe return, and jointly assess risks until both of them are satisfied with the contract.
4. Do everything possible to ensure our soldiers and civilian employees return to their duties alive and well after enjoying a safe, accident free holiday weekend.
5. Let us "Be Safe" while we celebrate our Nation's Independence!


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