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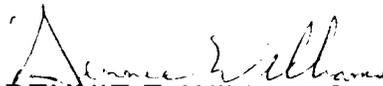
*21st Theater Support Command*

*Memorial Day Safety*



17 May 2004

1. Memorial Day will be celebrated on 31 May this year and Friday, 28 May, will be a Training Holiday. The fact that 31 May is also a German Holiday (Whit Monday) will increase traffic density and the potential for congestion / accidents on German Autobahns. Many of our soldiers and civilians will be making travel plans for this first long weekend of this year's summer season.
2. No passes or leaves will be granted to any of our soldiers until 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 and make a verbal contract. I want all junior leaders to sit with their soldiers one-on-one, collect specific information about soldiers' leave plans, have soldiers agree to take specific measures to ensure their safe return and jointly assess risks until both of them are satisfied with the contract. Commanders will monitor this process. Read General Bell's Memorial Day Message (dated 10 May 2004) for further guidance.
3. Reemphasize the dangers of drinking and driving, the importance of defensive driving, and the use of seat belts during your safety briefings. Ensure all Privately Owned Vehicles are inspected prior to the Memorial Day Weekend.
4. Holiday / Summer Safety Briefings are available on the Command Safety Office Webpage. Feel free to contact my Safety staff for assistance.
5. Enjoy a great, safe Memorial Day Weekend and let us "Be Safe" throughout this summer.

  
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