



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5100

APCG

10 November 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USARPAC FY12 Holiday Season Safety Message

1. We have had a great year in USARPAC! Now that the Holidays are here, it is time to reflect on our accomplishments and take time to enjoy the season with our family and friends. Even though this is a time of celebration, we must ensure that safety remains a top priority so that we all return to work safely to start the New Year.
2. Commanders and leaders at every level must brief Soldiers on the hazards associated with the period between Thanksgiving and New Years prior to releasing them for extended weekends or leave. Leaders must stress the importance of not drinking and driving, not speeding, and not driving while fatigued. Remember, seat belts are a must! Motorcycles continue to be a leading cause of off-duty fatalities, so leader engagement is absolutely essential to ensure that Soldiers have properly registered their motorcycles and have completed requisite training. As you get ready to travel this holiday season, I ask each of you to use the TRiPS online assessment tool, located at <https://safety.army.mil/TRIPS>.
3. Holidays also mean getting together with family and friends to celebrate, and these celebrations often involve alcohol. Therefore, it's important to remember to drink responsibly and designate a driver who has not consumed alcohol before you travel. We cannot afford to lose anyone to a tragic event, and driving under the influence is not only dangerous and irresponsible, but illegal and unacceptable.
4. Stay safe, and I wish you all the best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season!

ONE TEAM!


FRANCIS J. WIERCINSKI
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:
A, B