



Army South Command July Fourth Safety Message



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This Fourth of July we celebrate the 245th anniversary of America's independence. On 4 July 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, formally separating the 13 American Colonies from Great Britain. We celebrate America's independence and freedom and are grateful to the Soldiers and Founding Fathers of our country who made it possible. Soldiers have been there every step of the way, ensuring our hard-won freedoms endure for all time. Thank you for your service, whether you're in uniform or support our brave men and women as a Civilian employee or Family member.

COVID-19 remains a highly infectious disease that continues to claim the lives of many Americans. As we continue to live and operate in a COVID environment, we must all exercise preventive measures to protect against the spread of this virus. Face coverings, sanitation, and social distancing remain our first line of defense against this deadly pandemic. Continue to abide by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guideline to wash your hands, cover your mouth and nose when around others, and clean and disinfect your home and work areas. Stay at home if you are showing signs or have symptoms and avoid large gatherings. Consider these requirements as you move throughout your daily activities. Ask the question to yourself, am I protecting myself and am I protecting others that surround me.

Aside from COVID, one of our worst enemies is the irresponsible use of alcohol. Alcohol related deaths are steadily on the rise across our Army. We must make sound decisions and ensure we avoid drinking and driving. Avoid the mixture of alcohol and water related activities. Furthermore, leaders must address the silent killer amongst us, suicide. Collective awareness to identify a struggling teammate early is key in aligning them with the appropriate resources and reassuring them that they are not alone. Take time and take care of each other.

CSM Walker and I wish each of you and your families a safe and happy 4th of July. Enjoy the long weekend, celebrate smartly, and return to work safely.

Defense and Fraternity!


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