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Labor Day 2022

On September 5th, we will celebrate Labor Day in honor of all Americans who work hard to build and sustain our great nation through their spirit and determination. Your service in defense of freedom ensures our nation's workforce will continue to prosper. Thank you all for what you do every day.

Labor Day weekend also marks the end of summer and provides time to enjoy recreational activities that make summer great. However, many of those activities entail hazards. Along with Memorial Day and Independence Day, the Labor Day weekend is unfortunately known for being a particularly deadly time for private motor vehicle drivers and passengers. We must take the necessary precautions to ensure all of our Soldiers and Civilians return to work safely.

Sound judgment should extend to everything we do. Impaired driving, texting while driving and speeding are unacceptable and illegal; driving while fatigued is equally dangerous.

The National Safety Council estimates 466 people may die on U.S. roads this Labor Day holiday period. With a little more than two weeks before the holiday weekend we've already lost 55 Soldiers this fiscal year to private motor vehicle mishaps, and while this number is down from the previous year at this same time, we cannot become complacent. Leaders and first-line supervisors, you really do make a difference. Remind your Soldiers and Civilians that accidents don't take a holiday and ensure that they include personal risk management in their plans to help prevent life-altering mishaps from occurring.

The hazards of travel distance, fatigue, weather, driving distractions, alcohol use and perhaps the pressure to get to your destination sooner rather than later can be deadly if not managed. Don't become a victim this Labor Day, and don't lose a friend or loved one because you didn't think through your travel plans.

The well-being of our people remains our Army's greatest priority. Enjoy this special weekend and come back safe and refreshed.

Thank you for what you do for our Army and nation.

We wish you and yours a happy and safe Labor Day.

Readiness Through Safety!

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