



Labor Day 2023

The nation pauses on the first Monday in September to observe a holiday rooted in the late 19th century, when President Grover Cleveland signed a law designating a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. For all you do to defend this country, protecting our freedoms and way of life, thank you.


The long weekend allows you to spend time with Family and friends and enjoy the last days of summer. Unfortunately, summer activities also bring on certain hazards. Like Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, this weekend will be a dangerous time on the roads. As of the date of this message, we have already lost 67 Soldiers to private motor vehicle mishaps this fiscal year. And as history tends to repeat itself, holiday weekends greatly impact that number.

As you enjoy time off this weekend, remember to make risk management an integral part of your plans. Play it safe, slow down and enjoy the drive. Use all appropriate safety devices, such as seat belts, life preservers, and personal protective equipment. Don't become a victim this Labor Day, and don't lose a friend or a Family member because you didn't properly think through your travel plans.

Visit <https://safety.army.mil> for tools to help you and your Soldiers manage risks while off-duty. The 2023 Off Duty Safety Awareness Presentation addresses persistent hazards Soldiers face in their personal time, and you may find it and many other risk management tools on our website.

Thank you again for being part of this great Army and your sacrifice to preserve our great nation. Have a happy and safe Labor Day.

BE ALL YOU CAN BE - Readiness Through Safety!


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