Soldiers depend on leaders to have the knowledge, skills, and ability to lead and instruct classes that deal with all forms of safety. When it comes to weapons safety, we have to be the subject matter experts. Attentive leadership and an effective weapon safety program are pivotal components to reducing accidents.

Driving down the rain-soaked street, I realized I was in a risky situation because: 1) I was slightly lost; and 2) most Californians are pretty crappy drivers in bad weather. But there was a third thing I didn’t realize — I, too, was a pretty crappy driver in bad weather.

The basis of our Apache pilot training is working in a team of two while engaging targets. We do this constantly. One thing that is often overlooked, though, is the spacing and timing between aircraft and not overflying the target.

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On the home front, a Soldier’s “battle buddy” is often his or her family. Engaged families can make a huge difference in the safety of our Soldiers off-duty.

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