



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday Safety Awareness

On January 20, 2020 our nation will commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of America's most revered civil rights leaders. Let us observe this holiday as a "day-on instead of a day-off" by re-committing ourselves to the service of our communities and one another.

It's important that we also stay focused during this long weekend. Do not let mistakes during this holiday transform this commemorative weekend into one filled with tragedy. Make a commitment to staying safe; survey your surroundings and mitigate the hazards by having a plan. Think before you act; do not drink and drive or allow others to get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol. Do not become a statistic.

Remain vigilant to the dangers you'll face during winter months in Korea. The presence of ice, snow and freezing temperatures will add additional hazards to your travel plans. Don't forget about slips, trips, and falls. These are the most common accidents individuals experience during the winter season. When making travel plans it is essential to be prepared, maintain awareness of changing weather and road conditions. Allow for extra travel time and monitor garrison social media platforms for updates and changes to conditions across the peninsula.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Keep in step with our Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. Reflect on what being a Soldier is about. Take care of yourselves and fellow Soldiers, remain ready and resilient during this holiday.

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