



Thanksgiving 2011

This Thanksgiving Day, Americans will gather with their heads bowed at their Family tables to celebrate the blessings of the past year and look with hope to those still ahead. Sadly, many seats will be empty this holiday, with thousands of Soldiers deployed around the world and in the combat zone fighting and sacrificing overseas to preserve our national traditions and freedoms. Whether you pass the time with loved ones at home or with battle buddies far away, we thank you for your service and dedication to our Army and our Nation.

Thanksgiving weekend is one of the busiest travel periods of the year, so if a road trip is part of your holiday plans, please be sure to think ahead about potential hazards on the highway. Weather conditions change rapidly this time of year, and some areas of the United States are already blanketed with snow and ice. Make a plan, be prepared for the unexpected and check in with your buddies to ensure they arrive at their destinations safely. When you celebrate with family and friends, remember to celebrate responsibly — designate a driver or call a cab when you or your friends have had too much to drink. We all have an obligation to stay safe, whether on duty or off, and it's especially important we remind each other of this responsibility during our time off.

The biggest blessing our Army will count this Thanksgiving is you — every Soldier, Family Member and Civilian who makes up this amazing team. We wish you all a blessed and safe holiday.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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