



Independence Day 2013

For 237 years, the United States has served as a beacon of democracy and hope for countless people around the world. Soldiers have been there every step of the way, ensuring our hard-won freedoms endure for all time. Thank you for your service, whether you're in uniform or support our brave men and women behind the scenes as a Family member or civilian employee. This most American of holidays is yours to celebrate.

Between the picnics, fireworks, cookouts and other special events, please remember that risk is ever present. Managing it is easy: Make smart risk decisions and always fall back on training, discipline and standards. Whether you're enjoying at day at the lake, a week at the beach, a road trip to see friends or traversing country roads on an ATV, what you've learned on duty will keep you safe off duty. Outright indiscipline or a single moment of carelessness — both can result in equally tragic outcomes. Stay focused and stay smart to stay safe.

Thank you again for your service and dedication to our nation. We wish you all a very happy Fourth of July!

ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG!

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