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Holidays 2016

For generations, the holiday season has united Americans during war and strengthened our commitment to freedom during peace. We have much to be thankful for this year, with most of our force home to celebrate with loved ones and friends. Yet there are many who remain in harm's way, and we save them a place at the table until their return.

We are grateful for the safety gains made in fiscal 2016, which closed as our Army's safest year on record. Your hard work made that possible, but there is still more to do. As you enjoy the holiday exodus, remember to analyze your risk, assess and implement the steps required to mitigate it, and assist your battle buddies in staying safe as well. Indiscipline continues to be a leading cause of fatal accidents, but a simple correction from a leader or friend can lead to wiser decisions that save lives.

Thank you for all you do every day for our Army and our Nation. Whatever your plans, take ownership of your personal safety — your fellow Soldiers are counting on you to be back after the break. We wish you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season and Happy New Year!

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