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Memorial Day is a time of reflection, to remember the sacrifices of those who have come before us and those who have served with us. As members of this great Army, we share a common history with those brave men and women who have fallen for the cause of freedom. Thank you for honoring their memory with your selfless service.

The passage of Memorial Day also marks the beginning of the summer season. Last year, our Army recorded its first fatality-free Memorial Day weekend in more than 20 years thanks to the combined efforts of our Leaders, Soldiers, Families and Civilians. This outstanding achievement is proof that engagement on all fronts of our fight against preventable accidents saves lives.

We can repeat this historic precedent this year by staying engaged and keeping risk management at the forefront of all we do. Whether planning a road trip or staying local to take advantage of your well-deserved down time with Family and friends, always look out for the things that can take you out of the fight. This vigilance begins with you-understanding how alcohol will impair your mental and physical abilities, and the requirement to wear seat belts, observe speed limits and use proper personal protective equipment. Be your own best safety sentry and a mentor for your fellow Soldiers by setting a personal safety standard worthy of imitation.

Please take advantage of the tools and resources available on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website at <https://safety.army.mil> to help plan your Memorial Day activities and manage risk 365 days a year. Play hard, but remember to always play it safe.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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