



Independence Day 2014

Even before the United States of America was a nation, Soldiers were on point, fighting for the freedoms we still cherish today. In recognition of our country's 238th birthday, we thank you for continuing this most noble tradition of service. The holiday is as much about you as our forefathers, and we hope you enjoy it to the fullest.

As you make your plans, remember to account for hazards that can ruin your fun by keeping safety foremost in mind. Accidental drownings and falls, along with motorcycle mishaps, have hit our Army hard this fiscal year. In many of these incidents, another Soldier was present when the fatality occurred, leaving a lifetime of questions about what he or she could have done differently to prevent their friend's death. Don't let that be you — be a battle buddy and speak up when you see a Soldier making poor decisions. Oftentimes, that's all it takes to avoid a tragedy. Apply this proven methodology to your personal Family plans as well!

Thank you again for your service and sacrifice on behalf of America and her citizens. Make the right choices this holiday weekend and every day, and always play it safe. There's no greater gift than your service, and we need you all in our continued fight.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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