



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Safety Awareness

On January 18, 2016, our Nation celebrates the legacy of one of America's most respected civil rights leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we commemorate Dr. King's life, I invite you to examine his contributions that helped shape and define the civil rights movement and their impact on your individual strength as an Army Soldier or Civilian.

Here in the Republic of Korea, we uphold Dr. King's legacy by celebrating Eighth Army's ethnic and cultural diversity. We are truly blessed to have this diversity within our ranks as we bring together our combined skills and talents toward making our alliance stronger with our Korean partners.

As we take time to enjoy this holiday weekend, let us reaffirm our commitment to protecting our most valuable assets – our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. January is one of the coldest months on the Korean peninsula. Always dress appropriately to prevent cold weather injuries. Exercise caution and look out for accumulations of snow and ice on roads and sidewalks. Allow extra travel time and maintain awareness of changing weather conditions.

Do not become a statistic. Never drink and drive or allow others to get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol. As Dr. King often taught, we draw strength when we stand together. As Eighth Army teammates, it is important that we look out for one another.

Enjoy your long weekend, and come back rested and focused to continue to carry on Eighth Army's enduring legacy of service here in the Republic of Korea.

Eighth Army is Strong and Getting Stronger!

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