Throughout ASC, Soldiers, civilians, contractors and their Families are making preparations for the rapidly approaching holiday season. Many of us will be enjoying the festivities, celebrations and long awaited homecomings with our loved ones. As we celebrate the holidays, please remember the many sacrifices of our Soldiers, civilians, and contractors deployed in harm's way around the world, and their families back at home.

As each of us prepares for the holidays, please remember that this joyous season historically is a period of time that is often marred by increasing numbers of mishaps and accidents. Although the holidays are sure to be busy, we can't forget about our team mates during the coming days and weeks. Take care of your buddies and remember to look out for those who don't have holiday plans. Be extra vigilant, watch for those who might be having a hard time and share the ways you've coped during holidays especially if you are away from home.

I know many of you will be traveling to be with your Families over the next month. The driving conditions during this time of year can be extremely challenging. Driving under the influence of alcohol will increase your chance of not making it to your planned destination. A designated driver or a place to stay is a commendable way to help avoid the life changing circumstances that can result when one chooses to drive under the influence.

Let's all make this the safest and most joyful holiday season ever by looking out for each other.

I wish all of you and your Families the best, and have a blessed and safe holiday.

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