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Team:

During the next few months United States Army Student Detachment (USASD), Soldiers and their families will celebrate the holidays. While many of you will spend this special time with loved ones and friends at home, others will be continuing our nation's fight in theaters overseas away from their families. The service and sacrifice of all our Soldiers and families continue to be humbling reminders of the price of freedom. Thank you for all you do to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the American people.

The COVID-19 pandemic has evolved and escalated quickly for the past seven months. During this time, it is important to continuously communicate information to USASD about any issues and to acknowledge the stressors that accompany any type of change. As you prepare your holiday travel arrangements, remember that safety is always our number one priority. With winter weather setting in and record numbers of travelers forecast for our highways and roads, long-distance journeys can be particularly risky for Soldiers driving to visit Family and friends. Keep in mind that complacency can be especially dangerous, so get adequate rest and stay alert and focused even on short trips close to home. Take this time to enjoy your families and appreciate your friendships, while also keeping an eye on your battle buddies who may be down or under additional stress.


Keep an eye on coronavirus, but remember the flu. There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wear a mask or face guard
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

If you plan on travel CONUS or OCONUS, you are responsible to submit a leave or pass request in accordance with Army Regulation AR 600-8-10. If you plan on taking OCONUS travel for the holidays, leave forms are due to USASD no later than 18 November 2020. All CONUS travel requests for the holidays are due no later than 02 December 2020. This provides USASD staff ample of time to process your request in a timely manner. If you require a leave extension, please email usarmy.jackson.CAC.mbx.usasd-da31@mail.mil with your request.

Loyal and dedicated Soldiers like you are the foundation to any successful organization. Thank you for your contribution to our nation. Throughout this time it's important that we continue to support each. We're all in this together. Stay safe.

Sincerely,


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