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CG's Millrinder Message #11: Independence Day

Team 21,

The Fourth of July is one of our favorite holidays. On this day, we have the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our great Nation--a country built on the values of liberty, patriotism, and freedom.

The ideals our Nation's founders fought for more than 200 years ago continue to provide the foundation of our professional ethic today. In the words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men." As you celebrate this Independence Day, take a moment to remember all of our brave military men and women, past and present whose valor, patriotism, and spirit to serve our Nation secured the freedoms we enjoy today.

On this Independence Day, we are reminded of the words of philosopher Simone Weil who said, "Liberty, taking the word in its concrete sense, consists in the ability to choose." As you celebrate with family and friends this holiday, stay safe, be responsible and make smart decisions. Choose to take personal responsibility for your actions, choose to travel safely, choose to not drink and drive, choose to use care with fireworks, and choose to be a buddy for your fellow Soldiers so we all remain safe this holiday weekend.

We wish you all a safe and happy Fourth of July. Celebrate this holiday and the birth of our Nation with pride and responsibility. Thank you for your service and commitment to our Nation and our people. It's an honor to serve with all of you.

God bless you, Team 21 Families, our Army, and the Nation as we support and defend!

FIRST IN SUPPORT-READY STRONG!

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