



Veterans' Day Weekend Safety

USAREUR Four Day Holiday Weekend, 8-11 November 2014

Team 21, let's enjoy the long weekend and **Be Safe** while we honor American veterans of all wars for their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Please take a close look at these hazards and mitigation strategies:

**Darkness / Extended Periods of Limited Visibility.** Be alert to pedestrians, wild animals, and road hazards. Numerous vehicle occupants are injured or killed every year when drivers lose control trying to avoid collisions with wild animals! Be extra careful and reduce your speed during dusk, dawn, and night where the signs for wild  animal crossings are posted. Keep your speed within headlight distance and reaction time.

**Rain and Wet Leaves.** Slow down on curves and increase your following distance. Watch for deep puddles in low lying areas and beneath overpasses. If hydroplaning, let off the gas pedal and steer straight ahead to regain control.

**Morning Frost and Black Ice.** When encountered, don't overreact or hit your brakes. Let off the gas to maintain/regain traction, gently steer to correct any skid, and continue at a reduced speed. Be alert!

**Winterize Your Vehicle.** Install winter tires with a minimum tread of 4 mm (1/6 inch).

**Don't Drink and Drive.** Watch out for each other, use designated drivers, common sense and the 0-1-2-3 strategy for responsible drinking. **Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk!**

Use your Individual Professionalism **VE<sub>3</sub>ST!** Values; Enthusiasm-Endurance-Excellence; Stewardship; and Teamwork. Let us work together to make this Veterans Day weekend a success story without DUIs and tragic injuries! Use a battle buddy and be prepared to act when necessary to prevent your teammates from entering harm's way.

FIRST IN SUPPORT-READY STRONG!

ENJOY!  
THINK SAFE  
TEAM VETERANS!

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