

**USAREUR Four Day Holiday Weekend, 4 –7 April**

Team 21, the upcoming USAREUR training holidays coincide with the Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe's annual Spring Break. Over the last holiday weekend, we had one motor vehicle accident and zero driving under the influence (DUI) incidents. The Soldier involved in the vehicle accident was not at fault and was not injured. One accident or incident is one too many, but your engaged leadership is making a difference!

**Travel Safely.** Spring Break is traditionally a high volume travel period, and many of you and your Families will take well-earned and exciting trips throughout Europe. Remember to make safety a top priority when planning your vacation/trips. Consider using public transportation. If you plan to travel in your vehicle, ensure it is in safe working order and plan the ride using the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) at [www.safety.army.mil](http://www.safety.army.mil). Integrate rest plans to mitigate the effects of fatigue and share your travel plans with friends, Family, and your unit leadership. When possible, avoid traveling alone. The calendar may say it is spring, but be prepared for winter driving conditions that may emerge when you least expect them.

**Follow the Rules of the Road.** Don't try to make up for lost time due to congestion or adverse conditions by exceeding posted speed limits, or ignoring the need to take breaks. Never get behind the steering wheel after consuming alcohol. Don't drink alcohol the night before you plan to drive. Always buckle up, and don't use your cell phone while driving.

**Be Ready-Strong.** Watch out for yourself, your Family, and friends, and always use your individual professionalism VE3ST! Values; Enthusiasm-Endurance-Excellence; Stewardship; and Teamwork.

**Enjoy Your Travel.** Be safe, use common sense, and look out for each other!

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