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Veterans and Thanksgiving Day Holiday Safety Message

1. Veterans Day and Thanksgiving traditionally mark the beginning of our holiday season. We have many things to be thankful for, including all those who have served in the defense of our Nation and the many blessings that come with living in a free and prosperous Country. Our Command Team is particularly thankful to be a part of this tremendous Quartermaster Family and we want to ensure that our Team approaches this holiday season with safety first and foremost in our minds.
2. Leaders and immediate supervisors will conduct effective safety briefings prior to personnel leaving for the holidays. The holidays are statistically stressful, and I can't emphasize enough the importance of ensuring that every member of our team who is facing challenges is offered the support of the various agencies available for assistance – this requires leader involvement.
3. We are also entering a season when harsh weather conditions, increased road congestion, and reduced daylight hours can have an adverse impact on travel. Leaders and supervisors need to confirm our Team Members are aware of the benefits of deliberate travel plans and road safety. For those who are driving long distances, plan ahead, consult the weather man, and assess the risks. Stress the benefits of using seat belts, making frequent rest stops, and alternating drivers. Equally important are the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, potential home fires, and use of fire arms during the hunting season.
4. Every individual in our formation, Soldier and Civilian, is vital to the mission of the Quartermaster Corps. All personnel should approach holiday activities with common sense and moderation. Leaders and supervisors must stress safety in everything that we do.
5. I hope each member of our Team, including our Families, enjoy a safe and memorable holiday period. Keep our Teammates serving in foreign lands in your thoughts and prayers. Let safety guide all activities!

Supporting Victory!

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