



Happy Holidays

Leaders and Soldiers,

This time of year goes by so fast. Starting with Halloween all the way through the first of the year, the time will pass extremely quickly as we take part in holiday festivities. Please remember to slow down and enjoy the time you get to spend with your families. Don't concentrate on making the holidays "picture perfect;" some of the best memories can be created by just spending time with your loved ones.

Also take a moment to remember those who are separated from families and friends during this time of year, and the many more who are preparing for deployment. Our Field Artillery units will continue to be deployed across the globe – now and well into the future. Everyone wants to be partnered with the "King of Battle" and we are more than willing to fulfill our duties.

It is because of your great leadership and skill that our Maneuver colleagues know they can count on us in a fight. Your service is essential, and we appreciate the sacrifices that you and your families make; especially during the holidays.

We also want to remind you as you celebrate, please do so safely. As you travel, please make sure you are rested and have a well-thought out travel plan. Be responsible if you partake in libations and always have a designated driver AND a backup plan. Keep safety and responsibility to your families, friends, and teammates as your first priority.

Finally, we want wish you and yours every happiness during this holiday season. We are looking forward to a great start in 2018. We need everyone to be fit to fight, because we are the world's premier Artillery force – modernized, organized, trained and ready to integrate and employ Army, Joint, and Multinational Fires because of the tremendous efforts of you and your Soldiers – 24/7/365, regardless of weather, in any terrain, in any environment, quickly, and accurately.

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