

2014 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SAFETY

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1. GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. FOR NEARLY 151 YEARS, AMERICANS HAVE GATHERED THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER TO GIVE THANKS FOR PAST AND PRESENT BLESSINGS AND THOSE YET TO COME. IT IS ONE OF THE IRONIES OF HISTORY THAT THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WAS OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED IN THE MIDST OF OUR NATION'S BLOODIEST CONFLICT: THE CIVIL WAR. JUST AS ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND HIS UNION TROOPS DID ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, THE MARINE CORPS WILL ONCE AGAIN PAUSE AND REFLECT ON THE MEANING OF GIVING-THANKS DURING A TIME OF SUSTAINED WAR. PLEASE KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU - MARINES, SAILORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND CIVILIANS - IS A BLESSING TO THE MARINE CORPS AND TO THIS GREAT NATION, AND WE REMAIN IN YOUR DEBT FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

2. THIS THANKSGIVING, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE TIME TO APPRECIATE THE COUNTLESS BLESSINGS AND FREEDOMS WE, AS AMERICANS

ENJOY. IN DOING SO, I ASK THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND THOSE AROUND YOU. TOO MANY OF OUR MARINE AND NAVY FAMILIES HAVE SUFFERED SENSELESS DEATHS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED WITH PROPER ATTENTION. KNOW YOUR PEOPLE, KNOW THEIR THANKSGIVING PLANS, AND STAY ENGAGED. SOUND ADVICE CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG DECISIONS. THE LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND SHOULD BE A PERIOD OF THANKSGIVING, NOT A TIME OF MOURNING. ENJOY THE TIME OFF, BUT DO SO WISELY AND SAFELY. SEMPER FIDELIS. ACTING COMMANDER, COL ESCALANTE
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