

SUBJ/2015 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SAFETY

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RUJIAAA/MCAS NEW RIVER NC
RUJIAAA/VMR ONE
RUJIAAA/CO MCLB ALBANY GA
RUJIAAA/CO MCSF BLOUNT ISLAND FL
RUJIAAA/CO MCB WTBN CAMP LEJEUNE NC
RUJIAAA/HQSPTBN MCB CAMP LEJEUNE NC
INFO RUJIAAA/COMMCICOM
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1. AS OUR NATION PAUSES THIS MEMORIAL DAY TO HONOR THE MANY SACRIFICES OF OUR MARINES, SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AIRMEN, AND COASTGUARDSMEN, I CHALLENGE EACH OF YOU TO DO THE SAME AND SPEND TIME REFLECTING ON WHO WE ARE AS DEFENDERS OF THIS NATION AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THE FREEDOMS ALL AMERICANS ENJOY. WHILE WE ARE ABLE TO CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY, NEVER FORGET THAT THE TRUE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHO VOLUNTARILY RAISED THEIR RIGHT HAND AND GAVE THEIR ALL. THEIR SACRIFICES ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR NATION'S FREEDOM, AND WE WILL FOREVER BE INDEBTED TO THEM.

2. LET US NOT ONLY SPEND THIS MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERING OUR FELLOW SERVICE MEMBERS WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY, BUT ALSO SALUTE THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN HARM'S WAY. LET US DO SO SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY, HONORING THE LEGACY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. NEVER FORGET, WE ARE MARINES 24/7, AND OUR INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REFLECT ON THE CORPS AS A WHOLE. MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE USE OF ALCOHOL AND PARTICIPATION IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. TOO MANY MARINES AND SAILORS ARE LOST EACH YEAR DUE TO PREVENTABLE MISHAPS AND POOR DECISIONS. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER.

3. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE AND SACRIFICES. BE SAFE AND ENJOY THE MEMORIAL DAY LEAVE PERIOD WHILE KEEPING IN MIND WHAT THIS

HOLIDAY IS TRULY ABOUT.

4. SEMPER FIDELIS, COL ESCALANTE, ACTING COMMANDER SENDS.