

417th Base Support Battalion

SAFETY BULLETIN

POV Safety

The holiday season is coming soon. Friends and families will be traveling to visit and enjoy the season festivities.

At the same time chances increasing for a tragedy - **“DRINKING AND DRIVING”**.

When it comes to the prevention of off-duty personal vehicle accidents, I can't think of anything with more potential to save lives than the concept of "Designated Drivers." While not a formal program, the idea has gained much popular acceptance and is becoming part of our national and military cultures.

When a soldier volunteers to be a designated driver so that friends or family can enjoy themselves without endangering anyone, they are in my view demonstrating the spirit of Army Values.

Loyalty - to friends, family, and unit.

Duty - taking on an obligation to protect others.

Respect - for the rest of society and those who share the roads.

Selfless Service - personal sacrifice for the good of others.

Honor - keeping their promise to be the sober driver in the group.

Integrity - doing the right thing because it needs doing.

Personal Courage - ignoring those who belittle or try to tempt them from their commitment to safeguard lives.

These folks deserve our thanks, our respect, and continuous encouragement.