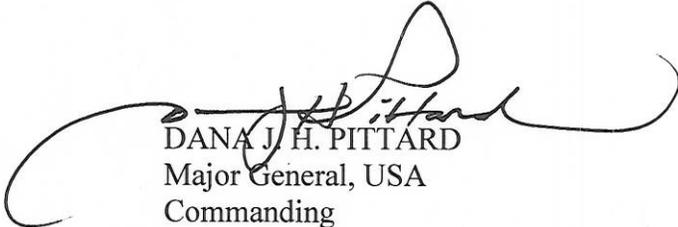




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Team Bliss Fourth of July Holiday Safety Guidance:

1. The 2011 Fourth of July celebration marks the 235th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It is a time to remember those who have sacrificed so that we may enjoy our freedom. This year Fort Bliss will observe a training holiday Friday and the federal holiday on Monday. This time allows for Team Bliss Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members to travel and participate in a variety of outdoor summer recreational activities. As you celebrate this holiday period, it is vital to manage the risk for your planned and unplanned activities.
2. Listed below are several guidelines for reducing preventable incidents and/or deaths during this holiday period. Chain of command leaders will:
 - a. Promote safety awareness before the holiday period, emphasizing the need for everyone to integrate risk management into on and off duty activities
 - b. Continue to identify “High-Risk” Soldiers and initiate early intervention when necessary.
 - d. Inform Soldiers of the dangers and potential consequences of spontaneous negative behavior; alcohol and substance abuse; and driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol. Remind Soldiers less than 21 years of age that it is unlawful to consume alcohol.
 - e. Encourage use of the “Buddy System” and the need for buddies and friends to assert themselves when observing unsafe practices and irrational behaviors by fellow Soldiers.
3. Talk to your Soldiers and reinforce the need for Team Bliss Soldiers to act responsible at all times. This weekend is about celebration for all Americans; and let us all enjoy the rights so many have fought and died for. Think Safety First and Always!


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