

COMMANDER
MARINE FORCES RESERVE / MARINE FORCES SOUTH
Holiday Safety Message



To all Marines, Sailors, Civilian, and our Families,

As we enter this holiday season, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication, professionalism, and steadfast commitment throughout the year. 2025 has been a year of continued progress and readiness across Marine Forces Reserve. Together, we strengthened partnerships, improved warfighting capability, and advanced the modernization of our force all while supporting global commitments and caring for one another as Marines. These accomplishments reflect your hard work and the enduring strength of our Corps' greatest asset, our Marines.

What you do matters - every Marine, Sailor, and Civilian contributes to the mission of defending our Nation and upholding the proud legacy of the Corps. As we enjoy this season of reflection and togetherness, we also remember those who remain forward deployed or standing watch away from loved ones. Your sacrifice ensures that others may celebrate in peace. We thank you, and we thank the families who support you from afar.

For those traveling this holiday season, exercise sound judgment and take deliberate steps to stay safe. Plan your travel carefully, drive responsibly, and get the rest you need before hitting the road. Leadership at every level must remain engaged. Accountability and care for one another must not take a holiday. The goal is simple: every member of our team returns safely, ready to continue the mission in the new year. Take the time to reach out and check on your peers and invite someone to share in your celebration. Acts of camaraderie and inclusion strengthen the very fabric of who we are as Marines.

As we look ahead to 2026, let us carry forward the same discipline, courage, and unity that define our Corps. On behalf of the entire MARFORRES leadership team, I wish you all a joyful, safe, and restful holiday season. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your unwavering commitment to our Nation.

Semper Fidelis,

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