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Thanksgiving - a time for family, friends and common sense

A message from Maj. Pete Schneider, La. National Guard Counterdrug Coordinator

Thanksgiving is a time when American families gather together to give thanks for our many blessing. It signals the beginning of the holiday season and is time for celebration. Tragically, the Thanksgiving holiday is also a time when POV accident rates rises dramatically. This year, our families will have a great deal more to be thankful for if we remain vigilant to the increased risks associated with holiday plans and activities.

During this Thanksgiving Holiday, may of you will be traveling to visit friends and family. Most will be using privately owned vehicles, often going a great distance. POV accidents remain our number one killer of soldiers. So far for 2002, we have lost 113 soldiers to POV accidents. I urge each of you to wear your seatbelts, avoid drinking and driving, obey the rules of the road, properly maintain your

vehicles, take frequent rest breaks, and stay alert while driving.

While in the kitchen remember to keep your children from sharp items, hot stoves and pots and pans and thoroughly cook your turkey dinner. We all know that after dinner we usually go outside and play football or basketball, so remember to be safe and keep children out of the streets.

Leadership makes a difference. I expect all team leaders and supervisors to help their soldiers make smart travel-planning decisions. You and your families are our most precious resource. We all have the responsibility to safeguard ourselves and our families from harm, With your help, I know we can add an accident-free holiday season to the list of things we are truly thankful for.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Setting a good example

Sgt. 1st Class Alfonso Morales was part of a military recruiting effort during the Spanish Festival held in October. He was in charge of recruiting both weekends and worked after hours with others from the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion, Co. B, to promote the National Guard. He mentioned that they received a total 41 leads at the Festival. Way to go! Morales supports USCS as part of the CDTF. **Submitted by Officer Candidate Charon Camarasa**



Arrest dents drug trade

A Shreveport man, who local authorities describe as one of the city's largest drug dealers, faces three narcotics charges as a result of an undercover operation spanning the past three months. And authorities say additional arrests are expected. Officers arrested the man and seized nearly four pounds of powder cocaine, almost a pound of crack cocaine, more than three pounds of marijuana and more than \$21,500 in cash. The suspect could be responsible for the distribution of as many as 220 pounds of cocaine in the Shreveport area, though only 44 pounds could be directly linked to him. Some of the seized cocaine appeared to be broken off of a kilogram brick. **Sgt. Regina Strong**, 527th Engineers, supports Shreveport PD

Boo-ya to ya

The North Louisiana Drug Enforcement Bureau made their own Halloween Havoc with a round-up by the same name. The round-up started at 4 a.m. and continued until 2:30 a.m. the following day. The total for arrests was 37 with 48 different charges, 11 weapons were seized along with approximately 2 ounces of crack cocaine and 1/2 pound of marijuana. The Task Force had a busy month with 75 arrests in October. The Task Force is assisted by the Bastrop Police Department, the Attorney General's Office, the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, Probation and Parole, and the Louisiana National Guard. **Staff Sgt. Tommy McGee**, 1087th Transportation Co., supports the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office.

It's a Girl

Sydney Alyse Davis was born on November 14 to **Staff Sgt. Leo Davis** and his wife Kathleen. She weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces. She is also welcomed by her big sister, Gabrielle. Davis works for the LSP Narcotics and is a member of the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Love it or Leave it CDTF True or False

1. You don't have to take leave if you miss a scheduled drill for the fun of it.
2. If you take Friday and Monday as a leave day, you have to take Saturday and Sunday too, if you are not working those days.
3. You must have a signed leave form from your supervisor before you take leave.
4. You must have a control number before you take leave.
5. If your agency is closed you don't have to take leave for that day.
6. If you are sick on a scheduled leave day, you can rescind that day.
7. You have to take leave to take care of a sick family member.
8. Liberal leave means you don't have to fill out a leave slip.
9. Administrative leave means you don't have to fill out a leave slip.
10. If you leave a few hours early from work, you have to fill out a leave slip for those hours.
11. If a holiday falls on a Monday, you have to take it as leave if you scheduled Tuesday off.
12. You have to have the CDTF Coordinator's personal approval to carry more than 15.5 leave days into a new fiscal year.

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Guard Matters

Top Guns

Louisiana marksmen were among individuals and teams from 38 states and nine foreign nations competing in the National Guard's annual shooting championships. The event was held in October at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock.

About 1,300 La. Guardsmen competed in preliminary local matches. More than 80 of them made it to the state championships where the Louisiana teams for the national event were picked.

Sgt. Micah Marchand of Baton Rouge and **Staff Sgt. Tommy McGee** of Monroe were selected for the Chief's 50 awards presented by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to the top 20 rifle shooters, 20 pistol shooters, five snipers and five machine gunners at the competitions. **McGee** is a member of the 1087th Transportation Co. and supports the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's office.

Exercise your writes

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