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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EMPLOYER SUPPORT

FREEDOM AWARD

Do you have an awesome employer? Has your employer's support made it easier for you to serve in the National Guard or Reserve? Does your civilian employer promote military service, support your family, and keep in contact while you're on routine duty, responding to natural disasters, or serving in a deployed location? If so, you should nominate your civilian employer for the 2017 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the U.S. government's highest award for large, small, and public organizations (not individuals, e.g. a supervisor, manager, etc.) that provide outstanding support of their Guard and Reserve employees. The nomination form takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and can be found at www.FreedomAward.mil. Just click "Nominate Employer" on the homepage, and then tell us the story of how your employer supports you and fellow military employees.



November is officially designated as the National American Indian Heritage Month

National American Indian Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers, and settlers of the United States. Currently, there are 567 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and more than 100 state-recognized tribes across the United States. Each with their own unique history, beliefs, governance structure and culture.

Autumn Driving Safety Tips

- **Make adjustments for the light.** Did you know that we lose a minute of daylight every day until the clocks are set back in November? Fewer hours of daylight make it more difficult to see pedestrians, cyclists and children playing in the late afternoon. Also, later sunrises mean that drivers need to adjust to the brighter sun at different times of the morning. Always keep a pair of sunglasses in your car to shield your vision.
- **Avoid driving over wet leaves.** Fall foliage is beautiful but once those leaves start falling and get wet from rain, they can become a serious driving hazard. Wet leaves are slippery and reduce traction.
- **Don't Veer for Deer.** If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, remember don't swerve. Be sure to brake firmly and hold onto the steering wheel with both hands. Come to a controlled stop and move the vehicle out of traffic to a safe location.
- **Prepare an emergency kit for your car.** Carrying an emergency kit in your car trunk or cargo area can be a real lifesaver. Be sure to include a flashlight, flares and a first-aid kit, jumper cables, extra washer fluid, nonperishable food, a jug of water, and a few basic tools such as wrenches, a ratchet/socket set, screwdrivers, and pliers.
- **Watch for frost.** Low nighttime temperatures cause frost on windshields and roads. Be sure to clear your windshield completely before driving. Also, slow down when approaching bridges and overpasses, as these structures are more prone to collect frost on the roadway surface. Stay alert for shaded areas that could create black ice during early morning and evening hours.
- **Plan ahead for changing weather conditions.** Have your car winterized before the winter storm season sets in. Keeping your car in good condition decreases your chance of being stranded in cold weather. Also, be sure to have a first-aid kit, thermal blanket, a working flashlight, a shovel and sand in your car.
- **Watch for construction work zones.** Construction work zones may still be active. Please remember to slow down and pay attention in work zones. The life you save could be your own.



UPCOMING JUNIOR PROMOTION BOARDS



DECEMBER BOARDS

An AGR/TPU Sergeant and Staff Sergeant Promotion board will be held on 04 Dec 2016. For more information contact Ms. Linda Feigles at (410) 448-2200 ext. 7519 or email linda.l.feigles.civ@mail.mil

An AGR/TPU Sergeant and Staff Sergeant Promotion Board will be held on 02 Dec 2016. For more information contact SFC Jacquelyn Parnell at (678)420-1610 ext. 2134 or email: jacquelyn.k.parnell.mil@mail.mil

JANUARY BOARDS

An AGR/TPU Sergeant and Staff Sergeant Promotion Board will be held on 08 Jan 2017. For more information contact SSG Lindsey Rose at (706)791-8930 or email: lindsey.s.rose.mil@mail.mil

An AGR/TPU Sergeant and Staff Sergeant Promotion board will be held on 08 Jan 2017. For more information contact SSG DeMarla Barbee at (916) 386-6426 or email demarla.m.barbee.mil@mail.mil

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