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Airmen and Guardians:

Our summer safety and health focus period runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. As the weather warms, please take the well-deserved opportunity to spend time with your family and friends and enjoy outdoor activities. However, summer season activities also come with risk. As our country's most valuable asset, please remain focused on avoiding injury and staying safe and healthy.

Last year, the Department of the Air Force lost 18 service members to preventable mishaps during this period. This year, we want to reduce that number to zero! Water-related activities and motor vehicle operations remain the leading causes of off-duty fatalities. Wearing the proper protective equipment, having a well-established plan, and putting away the cell phone while driving saves lives. Personal risk management and sound decision making are essential to preventing mishaps and remain paramount to readiness.

As COVID-19 numbers trend down and restrictions ease, please continue to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DoD Health Protection Guidance to maintain the health and safety of you and your family.

Thank you for all that you do for our Nation. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

*One Team, One Fight!*

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