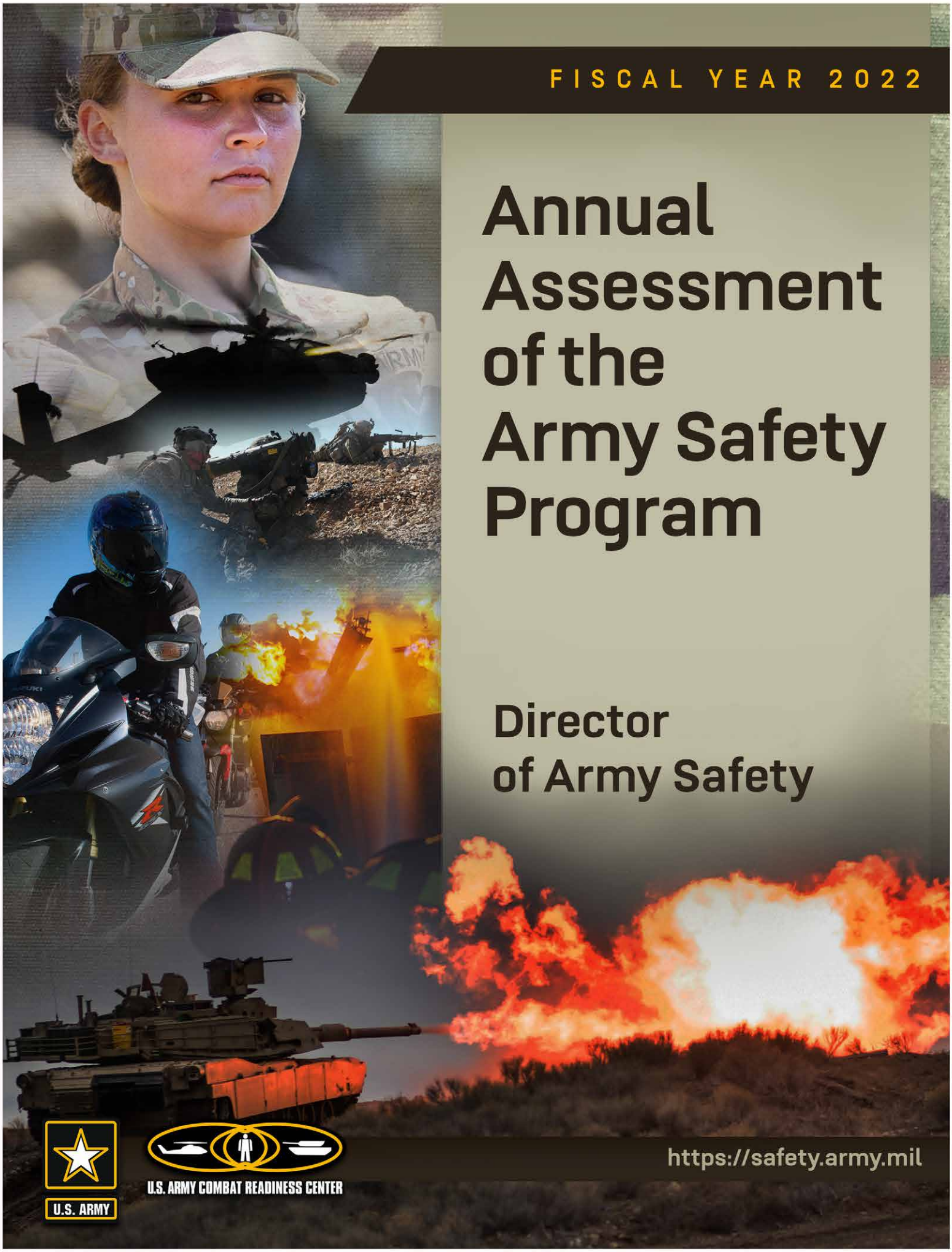
FISCAL YEAR 2022

Annual Assessment of the Army Safety Program

Director of Army Safety



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Each year, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC) produces an annual assessment of the Army Safety Program, which includes analysis of both mishap trends and safety goals regarding tactical safety, off-duty safety, workplace safety, and OSHA data. The annual assessment also includes updates on Army loss prevention tools, systems, and programs, all of which are driven by data units submit and analysis performed by the USACRC. I am pleased to provide the annual assessment for FY22.

FY22 was the safest year in Army history regarding mishap fatalities with a loss of 82 Soldiers and one Department of the Army Civilian. Both numbers were historic lows, and FY22 was only the second year that the Army lost fewer than 100 Soldiers to mishaps. However, the untimely death of even one Soldier to a mishap is unacceptable, with our goal being zero mishap fatalities. This decrease indicates our Army's tireless efforts to mitigate risk are making progress.

Off-duty mishaps, particularly private motor vehicles (PMVs), continued to be the number one safety-related cause of death of Soldiers. Last year, 60 of the 68 off-duty fatalities were attributed to PMV mishaps, which included sedans/trucks and motorcycles. As Army leaders, we must focus our efforts in reducing PMV fatalities. Utilizing the installation's Intermediate Driver Training and motorcycle programs for new Soldiers are two ways we can produce safer drivers. The Remedial Driver Training program for our at-risk population is another tool we can use to change behaviors behind the wheel. In addition, the USACRC's Off-Duty Safety Awareness Program (ODSAP) facilitates off-duty safety training and awareness at the first-line leader level. ODSAP products can be found on the USACRC's website.

Government motor vehicle (GMV) mishaps remain our most common fatal mishaps for on-duty ground fatalities. Every ground mishap investigated found failures to adhere to basic standards, lack of training, and absence of leadership. Many on-duty mishaps occurred during missions that were perceived as low-risk and routine tasks. We need to invest time to ensure our driver training programs are well resourced and have command oversight. An effective driver training program is one of the most effective ways to reduce risk in your formation.

As leaders, we must communicate the idea of risk management as the process, and safety as the outcome of risk management. Through the successful application of risk management, we create a safe environment for our Soldiers and their families to live and operate. Risk management must be woven into the fabric of units. When done correctly, it will enable our Soldiers to make risk-based decisions, whether on or off duty, and achieve positive outcomes.

The second page of this spread shows every Soldier we lost to a mishap during FY22. These images serve as a reminder that every Soldier lost was an individual tragedy to their father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, friends, battle buddies, and unit. Our goal to eliminate this page remains unchanged. The loss of a single Soldier to a mishap is unacceptable.

Please contact me if we can assist you with your safety and risk management goals.

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Gene D. Meredith
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

SOLDIERS LOST FY22

FROM 1 OCT 2021 – 30 SEP 2022, ON-DUTY MISHAPS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF 14 SOLDIERS. OFF-DUTY MISHAPS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF 68 SOLDIERS DURING THAT SAME TIME PERIOD.