

Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Course For Post-Deployment Combat Veterans

Research conducted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Transportation has shown that the risk of death from a motor vehicle traffic accident is much higher during the first five years after deployment to a combat zone. Studies have also shown that for the veterans of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan the risk of a post-deployment motor vehicle accident is seventy-five percent greater than for the rest of the population of the United States.

In accordance with New York State Military Law, section 301-c, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs strongly encourages all service members returning home from an active duty deployment in an area of combat operations to complete a motor vehicle accident prevention course (either in a classroom setting or online.) The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYS DMV) has approved a number of classroom (live) and online (Internet) accident prevention course providers that can be found at the NYS DMV website: <https://dmv.ny.gov/pirp/online>

Completion of a NYS DMV approved motor vehicle accident prevention course has the additional benefit of qualifying a driver for reduced motor vehicle insurance premiums and reduction in points related to traffic tickets. An insured driver should check with his/her insurance company to determine whether an insurance premium reduction or point reduction can be obtained by completing a NYS DMV approved accident prevention course.

If you have returned from a combat deployment you should refresh your knowledge of American motor vehicle driving rules and safe driving practices. You owe it to yourself and to your family to make a safe transition to post-deployment life.

Welcome Home.