

Department of the Air Force

2026 Preseason Kickoff Briefing Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson



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“Ride responsibly and within your limits! Always wear your PPE, and remember we provide free motorcycle training that meet DoD requirements.”

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Overview

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2026 Rider Preseason Kickoff

Commander's Responsibilities

Know your riders

CC/MSRs/UMMs identify 100% of your unit's riders

Ensure that every #DAFRIDER is in MUSTT

Reduce overdue rider training

CC/MSRs/UMMs verify training requirements and accomplish training



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2026 #DAFRIDER AFSEC Goals

Roll out new Rider Mentor Program (RMP) across DAF

Requesting TDY funds from MAJCOMs/Installations to provide RMP training AFSEC to train RMP Trainers at as many installations as we can, implementing program across the DAF, limited by TDY funds

Ship Airbag Demo vests to MAJCOMs and Motorcycle Ranges

Airbag vests demos will show how this technology can save lives.

Reducing / Eliminating overdue trainings

22.3% of DAF riders are overdue training

35% (93 of 264) Overdue Training JBER (AF only)



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Rider Training Requirements

Minimum Rider Requirements

License (or permit prior to course)

License = Level I training complete

Level I training (BRC or equivalent) = Level 1 training complete

MUSTT Update (AF)

Required annually AND after training is complete

Continuation training (Level II)

Within 6-months, not to exceed 1-year

Refresher / Sustainment training (Level III)

At least every 5-years

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Riding Season

For Updates:

Call 552-INFO (4636);

JBER Social Media

JBER CONNECT APP

<https://www.jber.jb.mil/>

On-Base:

- Riding on-base authorized only when road conditions are **“GREEN”**
- Installation leadership may adjust based on road conditions and/or weather

Off-Base:

- Riders must use sound judgement and common sense when determining if road conditions are safe for riding





Training Requirements

Who **MUST** receive Motorcycle Safety Training?

- Uniformed Service members who ride on and off base

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Training Requests

- Training is contracted out by the 673 ABW to a local vendor
 - House of Harley Davidson (HD), Anchorage and Denali HD, Wasilla
 - <https://www.harleyalaska.com/--learn-to-ride>
- Members seeking training must complete the 2026 JBER Motorcycle Safety Training Request **PRIOR TO SCHEDULING TRAINING**

The form is available on/from:

1. JBER Safety SharePoint:
https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/jointbaseelmendorfrichardson/SE/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx
 2. Unit MSR/UMM
 3. JBER PA Website – <https://www.jber.jb.mil>
 - Click the “What’s Hot” tab and JBER Motorcycle Safety
- Complete the 2026 form with all signatures and email to JBER Safety 673abw.seq@us.af.mil or bring to building 10441 3rd floor
 - Once approved follow directions on the form to schedule training



Training Requests

- **Classes scheduled May-Sept 2026**
- **Please use your vouchers!**
- **“By signing below, I have read and meet the intent to ride per the Installation Commander's Letter on Motorcycle Safety (JBER-57) and understand that I am obligated to complete the course once I receive a voucher and schedule training. If I fail to reschedule or cancel with the contractor at least 48 hours prior to the report date, I will be responsible for the cost of the training.”**





Military Rider PPE Requirements

#DAFRIDER
RIDING IS A PERSONAL COMMITMENT

GEAR UP & RIDE SAFE

PROTECTIVE GEAR IS MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES, ON AND OFF BASE

100% Trained/scheduled for ALL unit riders
100% Unit sweep for any unregistered riders
100% MUSTI update for ALL riders

100% DAF Rider Commitment:
Trained, Prepared, Equipped... Always!

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY GEAR

- DOT/SNELL APPROVED HELMETS WITH VISOR
- DOT APPROVED HELMET HALF
- EYE PROTECTION GOGGLES OR FACE SHIELD
- FULL BODY RIDING GEAR WITH PROTECTIVE KEVLAR INSERTS AND REFLECTIVE GRAPHICS
- LONG SLEEVE SHIRT
- GLOVES LIGHT WEIGHT FULL FINGERED
- LEATHER GLOVES KEVLAR FINGERS AND WRIST GUARDS
- PANTS WITHOUT HOLES OR RIPS
- ROOTS OVER THE ANKLE BOOTS
- RIDING BOOTS KEVLAR SHIN AND ANKLE GUARDS
- AIRBAG VEST TETHERED OPTIONAL

<https://www.safety.af.mil/Divisions/Occupational-Safety-Division/Air-Force-Rider/>

Minimum Rider Requirements

- Approved Helmet - DOT/SNELL/ECE
- Eye Protection – Meets or exceeds ANSI Z87.1-2020
- Long-sleeved shirt/jacket
- Full-fingered gloves
- Full-length pants
- Sturdy over-the-ankle footwear

Optional Rider PPE

- Airbag Vest
- Armored Vests
- Elbow / Knee pads
- Chaps
- Cooling / Heating vests
- Racing suits

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#DAFRIDER Responsibilities

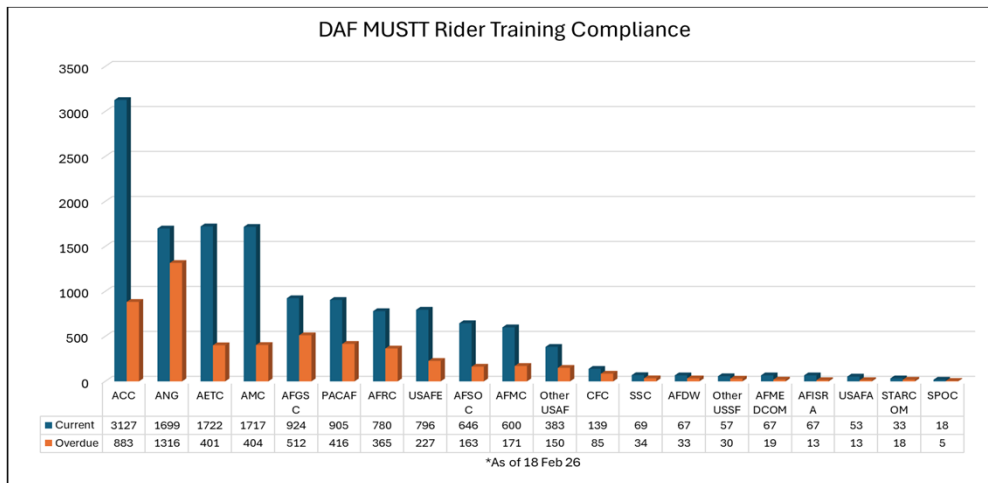
Log into MUSTT (AF only)

Record your training classes

Document briefings you have given or attended

Keep your records up to date and accurate

Is your Motorcycle information current?



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MOTORCYCLE UNIT SAFETY TRACKING TOOL (MUSTT) HOMEPAGE

MILITARY SPORT/STREET MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

INFORMATION: The Motorcycle Unit Safety Tracking Tool (MUSTT) will fulfill the commander's requirements outlined in AFI 91-207, OPNAV 5100.12, MCO 5100.29.
INFORMATION: Only military "Sport Bike" and "Street Bike" motorcycle riders are tracked here.

	MY ORGANIZATION	MY ORGANIZATION AND BELOW
Reaper Function (within 30 days)	0	314
Incomplete (initial Entry)	0	81
Total (initial Entry and Statement)	6	1742
Due within 30 Days	0	220
Overdue	1	2398
Due within 30 Days	0	1282
Overdue	1	2780
Due within 90 Days	0	822
Due within 60 Days	0	451
Due within 30 Days	0	218
Overdue	1	3785

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Army Requirements

- **Commanders Intent.** It is the responsibility of commanders, individual riders, and Motorcycle Mentors to ensure motorcycle operators take action to reduce risk.
- **It is also their responsibility to foster an environment that promotes safe riding practices within their commands.** I expect that all 11th ABN DIV/USARAK motorcyclists will develop the necessary skills, training, and attitudes that are required to operate their motorcycles in the safest possible manner, self- identify to commander as a rider, and anyone that has not previously attended a Basic Riders Course (BRC) or DUSD (I&E) endorsed course understand that they cannot ride a motorcycle until completion.
- **Work with UMM to ensure training is completed and documented**



Rider Improvement

Skills Building

Training – Get caught up and stay trained

Advanced training (track, ADV, etc.) – Invest in your own riding!

Practice EVERYTIME you ride!

Braking, tight circles, and cornering – warms your tires and your skills!



Personal Accountability

Practice before you ride

NEVER drink and ride

SLOW DOWN! Where do you have to be? Is it worth your life?

Ride within YOUR skill level – Don't push it

“All The Gear All the Time”...ALWAYS!

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Year of the Mentor

How to be a Mentor

- **Guidance and Support:** Mentors offer advice and insights based on their own experiences, helping mentees navigate challenges and make informed decisions.
- **Skill Development:** They assist mentees in developing essential skills and knowledge necessary for success.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Mentors often introduce mentees to connections, helping them expand their networks and access new opportunities that may be readily available.
- **Emotional Support:** A good mentor acts as a sounding board, offering emotional support and encouragement, which can be crucial during challenging times.
- **Role Modeling:** Mentors serve as role models, demonstrating professional behavior and ethics, which mentees can emulate.
- **Setting Goals:** They help mentees set clear, achievable goals and develop strategies to reach them, fostering a sense of accountability and motivation.

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How to find a Mentor / Mentee?

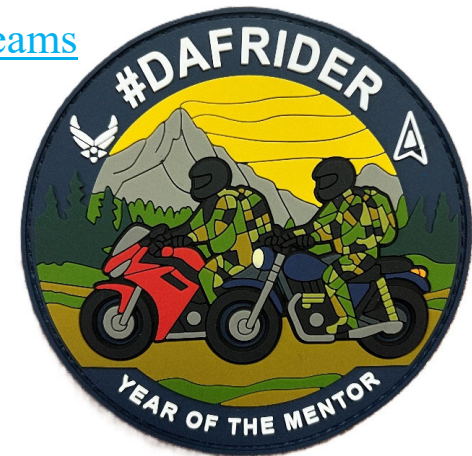
Look around base for other motorcycle riders

Contact the Wing Safety office and/or your unit MSR/UMM

Connect through the MSR Meeting Room on Teams

[MSR Meeting Room](#) | [#DAFRIDER MSR Meeting Place](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Connect through social media



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Local Riding Conditions

- Alaska has two distinct seasons, winter and construction
- Riders can expect weather and temp changes throughout the riding season
- Quality protective gear will provide comfort in all conditions and help avoid distractions by adverse weather
- Weather & road conditions: 511.alaska.gov or weather.gov



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Local Riding Conditions

- Tourism increases in the state during the riding season
- Plan for additional traffic that may conduct frequent stops and/or drive at inconsistent speeds
- Expect delays, debris, and uneven pavement in construction areas



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Local Riding Conditions

- Wildlife do not know the meaning “right of way” and may unexpectedly cross roadways.
- Be vigilant in high wildlife areas, reduce speed and give them space to move.



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2026 #DAFRIDER Updates

Airbag Vest Initiative

Long range goal: All #DAFRIDERS will be wearing Airbag Vests every time they ride.

Short range goal: All Installations will be receiving Demo Airbag Vests by April/May 2026.

Demo vests to be used to demonstrate life saving tech.

Training will be provided to Safety offices/Ridercoaches

Airbag Vests can reduce the severity of injuries during mishaps



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MSF Rider Mentor Program

- 17 Exercises and 52 discussion topics based on needs of the group.
- Done in any flat area with open space (parking lot suggested).
- RMP guides available through AFSEC
- Will be used to supplement Level II and Refresher (Level III) training.
- Follow new guidance in DAFI91-207 on how to conduct the RMP so that it will count as certified training.
- Mentor must be trained before teaching course.
- For training contact AFSEC. TDY costs to be paid by Wing or MAJCOM.
- Mentor training will be two-day class with AFSEC rep.





Mishap Statistics

FY21-FY25

DAF (74 Fatal, 6 PTD, 8 PPD, 889 LT)

- 20,130 Lost Workdays, \$791,414,864.00 in Mishap Costs

JBER (AF) (0 Fatal, 0 PPD, 0 PTD, 17 LWDS) 2 Total

- 17 Lost Work Days, \$44,200.00 Mishap Costs

JBER (Army) 6 total PMV-2 Mishaps, Class B-D

Primary PMV-2 Mishap Causes: *SPEEDING, PMV-4 turning into path (PMV-2 Speeding), ALCOHOL, BEHAVIOR, ICY ROADWAY*

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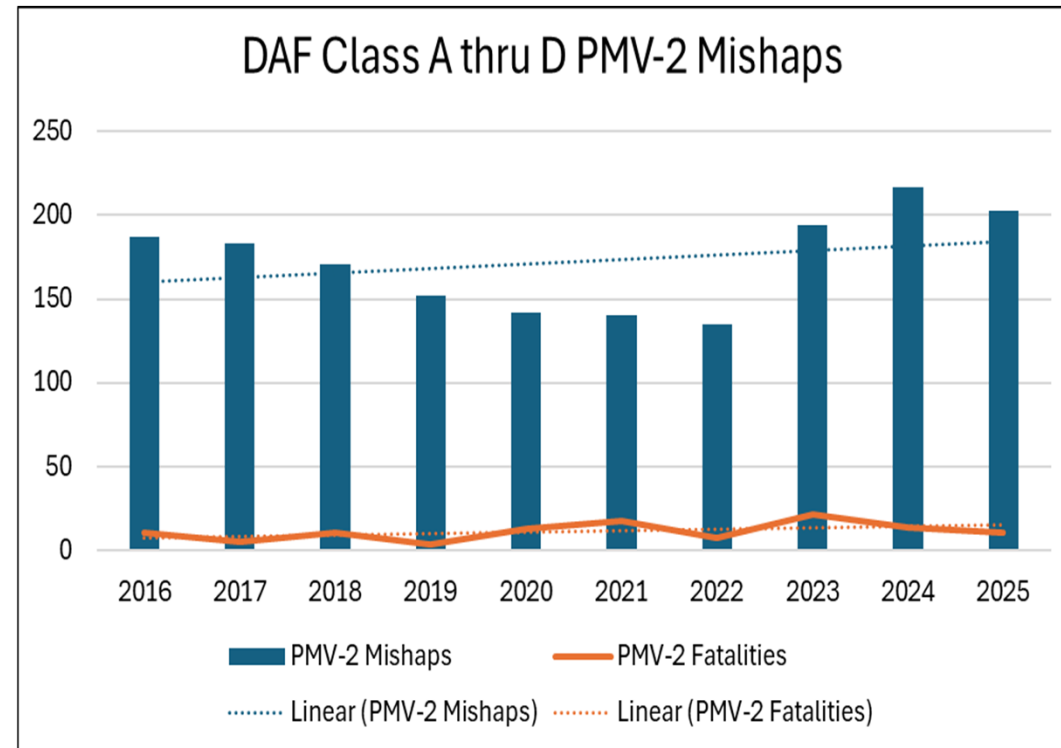
Mishap Statistics

Upward mishap trend since 2023

28% PMV-2 mishaps decreased from 2016 to 2022 / 28% PMV-2 mishap increase from 2023 to 2025

Prevention efforts only work with leadership involvement

The difference between a minor mishap and a fatality is often only a small thing, hit the pole instead of missing it by inches



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Knock the Rust Off Ride

17th Annual event.

- **Date: 29 May 2026**
- **Time: 0900 (Most if not all day)**
- **Location: JBER-R Fire Driver Training Pad – Near car wash**
- **What: Ride designed to assist riders in preparing for the new season**
- **Added: 2026 Knock the Rust Off ride will now fulfill the Level III (5-year refresher) training.**



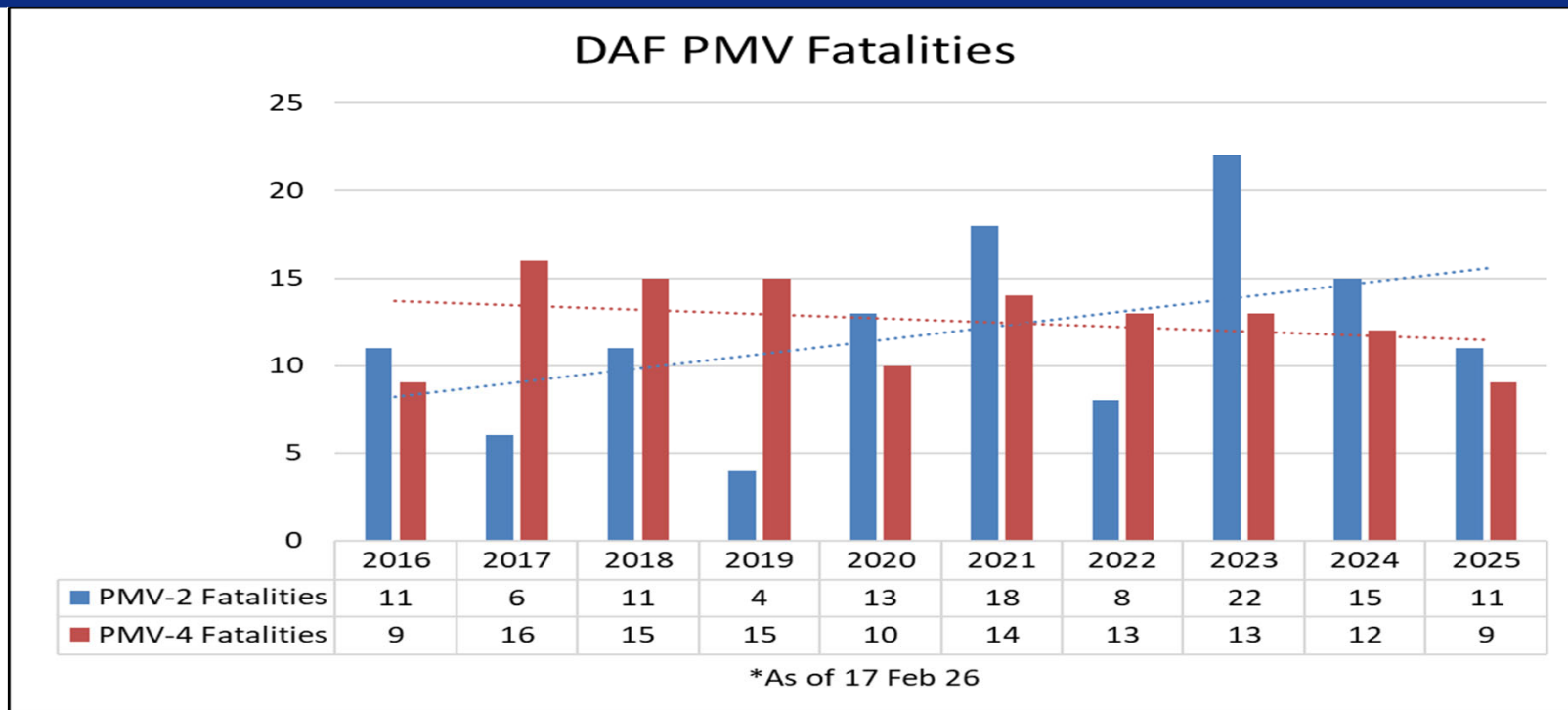
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Thank You & Ride Safe!



2026 #DAFRIDER Preseason Kickoff – HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO MUSTT LATELY?

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