



# From the Command Sergeant Major

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**I**t is an honor to be a part of this exciting time at Fort Leonard Wood and to extend my first welcome to each of you, the discerning readers of the *Maneuver Support Magazine*.

As leaders, we have a professional obligation to share best practices, educational information, and lessons learned with our teammates; this magazine is a great forum to do so. It also provides me an opportunity to update you on current and future initiatives.

Our top priorities are, and will remain, as follows:

- Produce warriors capable of fighting and winning on today's battlefield.
- Develop strong, agile, adaptive leaders.
- Support Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN).
- Develop and integrate relevant warfighting capabilities.
- Remain a cutting-edge joint training venue.

The foundation to these priorities is a grounded approach to discipline, thereby producing highly skilled warriors.

The warrior we deliver to the warfighting formations must not be a "basic Soldier." The MANSCEN deliverable will be infused with a warrior mentality and focus. In order to train such a Soldier, we will continue to take advantage of our veteran drill sergeant/cadre noncommissioned officers (NCOs) and their battlefield experience. The Soldiers will be honed in warrior tasks and drills. Programs such as combatives, improved rifle marksmanship techniques, and complete fitness (mind, body, and spirit) will be our trademarks. With those trademarks, discipline and attention will permeate our everyday training regimen.

The development of agile, adaptive leaders who can think quickly in complex environments—and capable of operating full spectrum—will remain an imperative. The MANSCEN Noncommissioned Officer Academy, the largest in the United States Army, trains a rigorous and relevant program of instruction that is flavored with the current operating environment. I expect our cadre to enhance the current processes, encouraging a thought-provoking methodology from our NCO students.

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence will continue to support ARFORGEN. We must be more aggressive with our mobile training teams (MTTs) so we can go to the fighters to reduce "away time" from their home station. We are committed to delivering a warrior who is "ready to deploy," and we intend to provide a suite of flexible training options to the resetting commanders.

Today's formations make up the best-trained and best-equipped Army this country has ever put on the battlefield. As warriors, we are unmatched; but this didn't come by happenstance. As highlighted by the Secretary of the Army, our NCOs continue to be the "backbone" of every outfit. During this designated *Year of the NCO*, I ask that everyone take a moment to thank your NCOs—then get back to work; there's still much to be done!

As the MANSCEN CSM, it is my greatest privilege to support and train America's sons and daughters—with the ultimate goal of fighting and winning our nation's bidding. Disciplined and expertly trained warriors are paramount to our success. You can count on my determined efforts to provide the best full spectrum warrior possible.

See you on the high ground!



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