

From the Commanding General



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Teammates, Partners, Stakeholders, and Friends: Thanks for your role and interest in the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (CoE). We achieve our purpose of defending America by building the best possible people—Soldiers, Leaders, Joint Warriors, Civilians, and Families—strong of mind, body, heart, and spirit; expertly and selflessly serving and supporting our military and nation in full spectrum operations, now and in the future; and developing and providing the concepts, capabilities, services, and support to make them successful.

It is an enormous privilege and honor to lead this large, complex, and critically important enterprise which includes the Maneuver Support Regiments—Chemical, Engineer, Military Police—and our many stakeholder groups across schools, branches, Army commands, and our joint counterparts and partners. I look forward to collaborating and teaming with this core group and encourage communication, feedback, and dialog across these groups and with me.

Teamwork, along with open, honest, candid dialogue, is crucial to our collective endeavor. In this spirit, I see this publication as a tool to encourage, foster, and enable the sharing of good ideas, lessons learned, and experiences from our full spectrum operations and across doctrine, organizations, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, and facilities (DOTMLPF).

Also in this spirit, I invite and encourage you to engage with our leaders at the Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN). We have a tremendous team of experienced, dedicated professionals in our three schools and regiments, and at the Center level. Dialog and communication will ensure that this magazine reflects my intent: rigorous analysis,

critical thinking, and vigorous intellectual debate on the complex issues of our profession. The key to positive change in our military profession is for all of us to think, engage, and write!

Since the last issue of this magazine, we conducted a change of command on 9 October 2008, in which the TRADOC Commanding General, General Wallace, passed the MANSCEN colors from Major General Bill McCoy to me. I am reminded that we all stand upon the shoulders of those who soldiered before us. Thank you Jill and Major General McCoy! We also conducted a MANSCEN senior leader off-site in which we used the book *Good to Great* by Jim Collins and applied its concepts to our organizations and priorities here at MANSCEN. More to follow on these planning efforts... In the meantime, I am publishing my intent and command philosophy on pages 4-5 for your awareness and to foster transparency and teamwork. I welcome your feedback as we move forward.

I encourage each of you to develop and execute your personal and professional goals in 2009; to stay SAFE, healthy, and fit; and to take good care of each other. Please continue your important work on behalf of our Army, Joint Force, and Nation, and be heartened to know that you are making a positive contribution. To those in harm's way, keep up the great work, and know that you and your Families are the focus of our support and efforts and are continuously in our thoughts and prayers.

Thanks for all you do and for who you are! Wishing you and yours all the best in 2009 and beyond! Stay safe! Army Strong!

Teammates:

I am delighted to announce that I have selected Command Sergeant Major Corby L. Elsbury, Command Sergeant Major, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, as our next MANSCEN and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sergeant Major, effective 1 May 2009. CSM Mike and Olga Hayes will be retiring from the Army in May 2009, after a magnificent career of selfless service to our Army and Nation.

CSM Elsbury has an incredible 26-year background as a Soldier, Leader, and Warfighter. He has extensive recent combat experience during full spectrum operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Like CSM Mike and Olga Hayes and Family, CSM Corb Elsbury and wife Kelly and Family will be a great asset for our MANSCEN and Fort Leonard Wood Team, as we execute our Mission and take care of our People.

Thanks again for all you do!

Maggie and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in 2009!!!



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