

# The New Cavalry Leader's Course

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**T**he challenges of the U.S. Army's force modular redesign are upon us, and we are addressing the necessary changes with the grim, professional determination of an Army at war. Our efforts to make units of action (UAs) a reality have demanded some fundamental shifts in our thinking about how brigade combat teams (BCTs) are organized and how they are expected to fight. The role of cavalry has not been spared this reexamination. One of the latest efforts to ensure that the Officer Education System at Fort Knox, Kentucky, remains current and relevant is the Armor School's recent redesign of the Cavalry Leaders Course (CLC).

As we change our force structure, so must we also reconfigure our assumptions about who should attend the CLC. The combined arms philosophy that underpins the logic behind creating UAs demands that all officers, regardless of branch, who are assigned to the BCT (UA) planning staffs or to the reconnaissance squadrons within these brigades, understand reconnaissance and security operations. Leaders who attend the CLC are provided with the in-depth knowledge of reconnaissance and security, as applied to the new reconnaissance squadrons found in the heavy brigade combat teams (HBCTs), infantry brigade combat teams (IBCTs), and Stryker brigade combat teams (SBCTs). The CLC accomplishes

its learning objectives through challenging practical exercises that test and hone the students' understanding of doctrine; tactics, techniques, and procedures; organizations; missions; capabilities; and limitations of reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition (RSTA) and reconnaissance squadrons.

The Armor School encourages CLC enrollment for all Armor officers and extends an invitation to leaders in Infantry, Field Artillery, Engineer, Aviation, Military Intelligence, and Signal Corps Branches who are assigned as planners or commanders of RSTA/cavalry organizations in the UAs. Attendance at CLC is open to graduates of any officer career course in the grades of first lieutenant (P) through major. Enrollment is available through the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS).

The Web site for the course is at <http://www.knox.army.mil/school/16cav/octeam.asp>. Once you are there, click on "Student Info," then "Cav Leader (CLC)." The point of contact is Major James Turley. He can be reached at [james.turley@knox.army.mil](mailto:james.turley@knox.army.mil) or (502) 624-1324 or DSN 464-1324.



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