

### *Signal Soldier professionalism critical*

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I want to highlight the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our Signal Soldiers supporting the efforts of the Network Integration Evaluations. Our Signal Soldiers are serving as the on-ground experts during testing, evaluation and practical application of every piece of communications equipment accepted for NIE. They pull long hours, are the first to learn operational aspects of each piece of equipment, perform the tough task of integrating emerging technologies into our current network and run each piece through the stringent testing and evaluation network suitability portion of NIE. They provide critical feedback on the ease of operation and common sense aspects of each piece of equipment. The Signal team at NIE continues to lead the way as we transform and begin implementing new and emerging technologies for communications support during Unified Land Operations. They continue to do great things for the future of our Army and our Regiment!

I also want to share with you a few points about the Profession of Arms Campaign that is designed to strengthen our profession. The Army profession is defined as a vocation comprised of experts certified in the ethical design, generation, support and application of land combat power, serving under civilian authority, entrusted to defend the Constitution and the rights and interests of the American people. Six essential traits identify the Army as a profession and guide us through time, combat, contingency and transition. They are the trust of the American people, internal trustworthiness, military expertise, esprit de corps, honorable service and stewardship of the profession. The Center for the Army Profession and Ethic is the repository for valuable information and training material regarding the Profession of Arms Campaign. Information and topics supporting the campaign can be downloaded for inclusion in professional development sessions. I encourage each of you to visit their Website at <http://cape.army.mil>.

One of the themes within the Profession of Arms Campaign "Back to Basics" is a call to standards and discipline. Grooming, uniform standards and military courtesies are part of our everyday life. Some say the enforcement of standards has suffered due to years of war and that our Soldiers are too

busy to worry about standards. I disagree. We are never too busy to let standards slide. We are successful as an Army because of our adherence to standards and discipline. Basic Army standards have not changed and do not differ from installation to installation. The only thing that differs is enforcement of the standards. No one is exempt from adhering to standards, from our top leaders to our newest recruits. As leaders, our responsibilities are threefold. First, we must lead by example and comply with the standards ourselves. Second, we must train the standard. We didn't just wake up one day knowing the standards. A leader took his or her time to train us. And third, we must enforce the standard, not just when it is convenient, but all the time. Walking past a mistake sets a new standard of accepting mediocrity. We all have to shoulder the responsibility and do our part by following and enforcing established standards. Remember, we are all stewards of the Army profession.

Thanks for what you and your families endure everyday to make us the greatest fighting force on earth! I am proud to serve by your side!

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