

2012 concludes successfully

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The year 2012 concluded with some huge successes.

We had the opportunity to induct into the ranks of Distinguished Members of the Regiment, our first four-star general in the history of the Signal Corps. Details of the GEN Dennis Via, U.S. Army Material Command commanding general induction are included in this edition of the *Army Communicator*.

We also just completed a well-orchestrated General Officer and Senior Enlisted Advisor conference. As a result, I can report with great certainty that we have a clear path ahead toward meeting all of the objectives set before us.

Our Signal Regiment is a critical element in the most decisive land force in the world. I am confident that no matter what the

environment or obstacles placed before us, the Signal Corps can perform the assigned missions.

As an Army element, we share in the sacrifices of all Americans during this period of fiscal uncertainty and the constraints looming in front of us. We will continue to be good stewards of the resources we are provided by developing the capabilities the Nation needs through prudent investment and decisions in support of DOTMLPF [Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leader Development, Personnel, and Facilities]. We are innovating, transforming and finding new and better ways to do what we have traditionally always done well.

This edition of the *Army Communicator* outlines some of the initiatives that we are moving through in the process of transforming.

As we transition to a leaner, more agile Army we must maintain the ability to operate efficiently and effectively while we are changing; essentially changing the tires while the vehicle is still running. We have to do this, because the ability to operate in the midst of change gives our national security decision makers greater flexibility in responding to national challenges at home and abroad against both conventional and hybrid threats.

The Army Profession, our standards and discipline, customs and traditions, military expertise and foundation of trust strengthen the force through periods of transition.

I am counting on each of you to continue operating as professionals and leaders. Ready and resilient is a key Army priority that we are working toward as we bring improved programs and services to Soldiers, Families, and Civilians.

I know that the Army is the strength of our Nation. Soldiers are the strength of our Army. Our Families are the strength of our Soldiers. I am always mindful of the sacrifices our Families make and I am thankful to everyone who wears the invisible uniform.

Our success requires a great deal of trust among our Soldiers, Family members and the Army. We must sustain these bonds of trust. Our enduring priority is to preserve our high-quality All Volunteer Force - Active, Guard and Reserve. We can only do this when we hold fast to the highest tenets of our values.

The country's greatest accomplishments are built on the strength of America's strongest citizens - U.S. Soldiers.

Thank you for your continued service to the people of this great nation.

Pro Patria Vigilans!

For the Country!

