

Leaders must look toward future challenges

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In the complex world where we Signal Soldiers are called to operate, there are many priorities tugging on everyone who leads.

One of the most important things that a Signal Regiment leader must do is look down the road toward the future and make decisions that meet the communications needs of our Armed Forces in the complex operating environment that is evolving.

In this edition of the Army Communicator you get an overview of the changes that are in store for our Signal Regiment professional structure. The personnel transformation article by the Office Chief of Signal shares where we presently stand in the process that will help us provide the versatile Signal Soldiers that can operate effectively in many different environments that will be changing rapidly. The transformation that is underway is a process that will no doubt take more time to work out all of the details. There are many questions that are still unanswered. While we do not yet have all of the answers, you can rest assured that the end result of the current deliberations will lead to more versatile and well-trained Signal Soldiers.

One of the things that we in the Signal Corps are getting better at is communicating with one another. In November, we held the first Chief of Signal DCO forum that was designed to institutionalize a process for communicating with one another. The plan is to make this DCO forum a quarterly event so that we can keep the lines open to pass information back and forth between operators and commanders in the field and headquarters/training support personnel in the Signal Center of Excellence.

If something is being done well in the field and producing outstanding results, we want to get that activity incorporated into doctrine across the force. And if some tasks or systems are causing hurdles then we want to get those practices out of the SOP. Being able to let you know what planners and managers are doing in the schoolhouse and hearing your concerns about plans as well as current practices are making a huge difference.

Another series of articles in this edition highlight where we stand in the fielding of Capability Set 13. Through the Agile Capabilities Lifecycle Process we are fundamentally changing the acquisition system to make it faster and better aligned to Warfighter needs. The Agile Process is designed to procure and integrate systems that meet an operational need or gap that demonstrate success in Soldier-led evaluations during the Network Integration Evaluation. In essence, we are working to quickly and smoothly move new completely integrated systems to the field through a rigorous testing process.

In my travels throughout the Regiment, I am

finding that most of our units have heard and are responding positively to the clarion call to uphold our values and standards.

Ours is a profession that stands on the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. When you uphold these values, you fulfill the critical role of meeting the needs of our Nation. I encourage you to 'enforce' standards as well. Make sure that everyone who wears the uniform understands and adheres to our standards. When you walk past without correcting someone out of uniform or not adhering to our standards, you are giving license to that person. Don't do it. Standards are standards, while deployed or in a Garrison environment.

I am proud of the way you are representing our Army Profession. Keep up the good work.

Pro Patria Vigilans!

