

Look forward to innovative training

Signaleers,

We are now halfway through fiscal year 2013 and I could not be prouder to be the Chief of Signal.

Here at the Signal Center of Excellence we continue working to implement the Army Learning Model and University System initiatives in order to provide the most effective and efficient learning solutions for our Regiment. I took my Regimental Command Sergeant Major and Chief Warrant Officer with me to Joint Base Lewis-McChord earlier this year to observe how the Military Intelligence community is leveraging technology to address their training requirements. With what we already have underway here at the SIGCoE and with lessons learned on that trip we are refining our Signal vision on how to best utilize training technologies.

This edition of the *Army Communicator* touches on some of our current efforts that fall under the purview of the ALM and University

System Army initiatives.

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command University System provides us a flexible and adaptive form of training tailored to meet specific Signal Center of Excellence needs today. At the same time TRADOC enables the framework for us to shape the Soldiers we will need in the Army of 2020. We must develop adaptive leaders fully capable of operating within a full range of scenarios through realistic live, virtual and constructive training, depending on the demands and needs of the environment and workplace.

One of the primary goals of the University System construct is to implement a more efficient center of excellence system based on processes that align and consolidate functions and resources across many schools/colleges within the centers of excellence.

In this edition of the *Army Communicator* you will be introduced to some of the great opportunities provided to our Soldiers such as Training with Industry. The agile acquisition process is putting the latest technology on the market into the field at unprecedented rates and it takes knowledgeable operators to make it work. That means you have unparalleled opportunities to train on the cutting edge of information technology development and implementation.

We also have great relations with our allies around the world. In this edition, we are featuring a

look at how our German partners are implementing their IT resources.

We cannot ignore the realities of this period of declining budgets and our current efforts align with this reality. You'll see that we are creating greater training opportunities with reduced costs.

In the midst of some challenging fiscal concerns we must press on. There will be no decline in our professionalism. The Army Learning Model and the Army Profession remain resounding priorities under TRADOC Commander GEN Cone. To effectively and efficiently meet the expected outcomes of these models, we must refocus our many learning programs and efforts into an integrated and synchronized initiative that enables our adaptive and agile Signaleers to be and do their best.

I have always said that the business of the Army is about people and not things. Finances will impact our ability to have things but should not affect our will to maintain excellence.

I hear stories almost daily of how you are rising to the occasion and rather than succumbing to the chant of trying to do more with less, you are making more of exactly what you have.

Our Soldiers continue performing extraordinary feats, trusting that each of us will give our utmost. I am delighted at how you continue 'getting the messages through.'

For the Country!

Pro Patria Vigilans!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LaWarren V. Patterson".

