

Moving on

Future bright for the Signal Regiment

Signaleers,

As I sit at this seminal point preparing to retire and crafting this last message to you as a Soldier and regimental command sergeant major, I find myself experiencing a unique perspective from which to view my service, the Signal Regiment and the Army.

While some critically important elements remain the same, much has changed since I entered the force over three decades ago.

My first assignment was as a radio operator with A Company, 16th Signal Battalion, 3rd Signal Brigade, based out of Fort Hood, Texas. My unit was assigned AN/GRC-50 radios—the “Angry 50.” They were heavy, awkward and slow multi-channel radios—quite different from the AN/GRC-245 used by high capacity line of sight operators today! But today’s 25Q Signaleers who operate our modern multi-channel radios share the same mission—providing tactical communications to the troops on the ground.

The same can be said for each unique position I held. As the 82nd Airborne Division’s battlefield spectrum manager, I worked with tools that were the predecessors of today’s “Spectrum XXI,” used by 25E electromagnetic spectrum managers. As the J6 operations sergeant in Korea, I interfaced with the strategic side of Signal, and as command sergeant major of the Joint Communication Support Element (Airborne), I employed the kind of cutting-edge equipment only found in the special operations community.

The tools of the trade have changed, and I’m sure many of you appreciate that! But the Signal Corps continues to perform those same jobs—tactical radio, tactical and strategic networks, and special operations support— with the same innovative and creative thinking that I remember.

During my tenure as the Signal Corps’ regimental command sergeant major—my career highlight—many changes occurred: transformation of the Signal Corps’ enlisted MOS structure, creation of the 25D cyber network defender MOS, and of course the transition from the Signal Center of Excellence to the Cyber Center of Excellence. I can confidently say that, working closely with our cyber partners,

the Signal Corps of the future will soon possess capabilities far beyond what I ever imagined when I enlisted in 1982.

So as I look back over my 32-year career, I see the many ways in which the Army and the Signal Corps have changed. But I also see a Signal Corps that has continued to excel at its core mission: providing leaders and Soldiers the ability to communicate. Throughout all the changes, the Signal Corps members have remained resilient and always at the cutting edge of technology.

It has been my privilege to serve with each and every one of you! As I prepare to move on, I will keep my ear to the ground and look forward to hearing about the future accomplishments of the Signal Corps.

**Pro Patria Vigilans!
Watchful for the
Country!**

