

## 551st Battalion Command Philosophy

1. Soldier's are our Nation's most valuable resources. Mother's and father's around this Nation are trusting me to lead, develop and take care of their son's and daughter's. I take this obligation very seriously and welcome this tremendous opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of our Soldiers and their Families.
2. Expectations: I expect Soldiers & Civilians in this Battalion to be proud, disciplined, physically and mentally fit, live the Army values, embody the Warrior Ethos, know their jobs and be team players.  
In turn, you should expect and deserve leaders that take charge, lead from the front, set the example in all we do, establish and maintain high standards, discipline and accountability. Leaders that genuinely care for our subordinates and are loyal up and down the chain of command.
3. My Philosophy includes 10 Key Points arranged in three short sections. 1) One Big Idea 2) The Five Senses 3) Four Final Thoughts.
  - a. One Big Idea: Central to an outstanding unit is a positive, values-based, command climate that empowers every soldier to realize their full potential. We want to maintain an atmosphere of trust, loyalty, and mutual respect.  
Values: Treat everyone with dignity and respect and expect the same.  
Balance: Physical, Mental, Spiritual, and Fiscal Fitness is paramount.  
Priorities: Take care of yourself, your family and your Mission.
  - b. Five Senses:  
Sense of Pride: Who you are, what you do, and who you represent.  
Sense of Urgency: Don't wait for the answer - it's rarely available; downtime is measured in minutes not days - Get after it.  
Sense of Direction: Where you are, where you're going and how you're going to get there - Lead/Counsel/Mentor-repeat.  
Sense of Purpose: Know the big picture - Why leads to What and How.  
Sense of Humor: Be able to have fun, laugh at yourself - Don't be thin skinned and don't take yourself too seriously.
  - c. Four Final Thoughts:  
High Standards - Always be in the right place, at the right time, in the right uniform with the right attitude and you can realize your full potential.  
Master the basics - shoot, move, communicate, and survive; Readiness = accountability + maintenance + training + execution.  
Relationships Matter - this is a team sport and our success depends on unity of effort NOT unity of command; build cohesive teams through mutual trust and execute Mission Command.  
Can do spirit - there are things we won't do and there are things we shouldn't do; but there's "no such thing as can't do"  
Everyday is an opportunity to learn and contribute- embrace everyday with positive energy.  
"Watch and Warn"

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