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EDITOR'S NOTE
NOVEMBER

Dear Big Red One Soldiers, Families,
and Friends,

The Division began November finishing
Danger Ready 2, an exercise that con-
tinues our commitment to training as
we build readiness leading up to next
year's warfighter.

Veterans Day, a time to honor and ap-
preciate those who have served in our
armed forces, was celebrated with
great enthusiasm throughout our com-
munity. The 1st Infantry Division active-
ly participated in Veterans Day events
in Manhattan, Leavenworth, El Dorado,
and Ottawa, Kansas, as well as Lincoln,
Nebraska. These events featured pa-
rades and flyovers, bringing together
the community and our Soldiers in a
display of unity and patriotism.

One of the highlights of the month was
Kansas State University's Fort Riley
Day football game against Baylor. This
event not only showcased the strong
partnership between the university
and our Division, but also served as a
reminder of the shared dedication to
our nation.

We also had the privilege of participat-
ing in the Kansas City Chiefs' Salute to
Service football game, a testament to
the recognition and respect our com-
munity bestows upon our Soldiers.

November is a time for reflection and
gratitude, and the Division celebrated
Thanksgiving with the same camara-
derie and togetherness that binds us
as a military family.

Throughout the month we celebrat-
ed Military Family Appreciation Month
and Native American Heritage Month,
sharing the experiences and stories of
Army families, and recognizing the di-
versity of our force.

As we reflect on the moments and
milestones of November, the 1st Infan-
try Division remains steadfast in our
commitment to service and duty. We
extend our heartfelt gratitude for your
continued support, and we invite you
to enjoy this November 2023 edition as
we celebrate the unity and resilience
that define our Division.

Sincerely,
Editor-in-Chief of the Danger
Forward Magazine

FOREWORD



FORT RILEY DAY WITH KSTATE CONTINUES

The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Soldiers participated in pre-game and half-time events for the game, while CSM Jonathan Stephens and BG Patrick Frank ran out of the tunnel with the Wildcat players.

The “Big Red One” cheered on the Kansas State University Wildcats Nov. 5 as they played the Oklahoma State University Cowboys in the 2016 Fort Riley Day military appreciation game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas.



Col. Terry R. Tillis, the deputy commanding officer – maneuver of the 1st Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Derek Noyes, command sergeant major of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, run out of the tunnel with the Kansas State football team for the Baylor versus Kansas State game, Nov. 11. Prior to the start of the game, military police showed off static displays outside of the stadium to give the community a peak into what it’s like to be a Soldier.

During the opening ceremony, as The Star-Spangled Banner played, Kansas State supporters unraveled an American flag the size of the field. As soon as the national anthem concluded, four 1st Infantry Division AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopters flew over the stadium, kicking off the start of the game.



BRAINS OF THE OPERATION: DANGER READY 2

NOVEMBER 3RD

FORT RILEY, Kansas

Inside the brain of a division-level combat operation exists a complex neural network consisting of dozens of shops and hundreds of people working towards a common objective.

Over a ten-day period, Danger Ready 2, an exercise designed to train elements of the 1st Infantry Division on the scope and scale of large-scale combat operations implemented multiple movements to test the unit's ability to break down and rebuild functioning sites.

Logistics elements play a key role in all warfighting capacities. The ability to sustain a fighting force often is the difference between victory and defeat. These commodities are the lifeblood of any combat element. In a strenuous environment, knowing what a unit needs is equally as important as knowing how to supply it.

"I believe we are replicating what happens overseas," said Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Robinson, senior movements noncommissioned officer assigned to the 1st

Sustainment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Materials Center, 1st Inf. Div. "It's great training. It's kind of rough at times but that's what refines you and makes you better."

The second stage of the Danger Ready exercise implemented more advanced warfighting techniques, which focused on perfecting the art of synchronizing time and space in a hostile environment where large forces are engaged with one another. Soldiers reviewed satellite imagery, studied by geospatial analysts, conducted two-minute briefing drills that highlighted key decision points in the simulated battle space and coordinated rapid relocation of key combat assets.

Elements belonging to the 1st Inf. Div's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Sustainment Brigade, Signal Company and Division Artillery, trained in tandem with Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division and the U.S. Army's V Corps, who are currently operating in Poland, in preparation for Warfighter, a

capstone exercise synchronizing the U.S. Army and Allied forces across the globe on more sophisticated operational standards.

"Character development is very important when it comes to day-to-day operations," said Spc. Bilend Amin a geospatial intelligence imagery analyst assigned to Signal Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Inf. Div. "Part of being an enlisted Soldier there are going to be times where you're going to do grunt work, where you're going to have to help set everything up.

"You're not just going to walk in and just do your job. Sometimes it requires you to get your hands dirty and set up some C-wire or help run cable or clean up equipment or facilities to maintain the area that you work in."

Like logistics, accurate reconnaissance of an enemy's composition and disposition informs senior leaders and provides them with an accurate representation of

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Photos by Spc. Charles Leitner
& Spc. Dawson Smith



U.S. Army Private First Class Cameron Boarts, a human intelligence collector assigned to Signal Intelligence and Sustainment Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, tapes a plastic sheet during Danger Ready 2.



[Above] U.S. Army Soldier assigned to the 1st Infantry Division walks back to his training site during Danger Ready 2. Danger Ready 2 is part of a series of field exercises designed to enhance Soldiers' combat-readiness and increase the 1st Inf. Div.'s interoperability with its NATO allies and partners.

the battle space as it evolves over time. "We are responsible for full motion imagery," said Amin. "This information feeds the other sections of the division staff providing location of the enemy forces in time and space."

Communication amongst headquarters elements leads to appropriate decisions which, in turn, fine tunes the ability for the division and allied elements to function in synchronization with one another.

"It's going to start going faster and faster," said U.S. Army Col. Terry R. Tillis, the 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding officer for maneuver, during one of many two-minute drills. "Your reports are important."

Providing efficient and accurate communication at every level allows for effective moves to be made on a battlefield. In active combat environments, relaying accurate and timely information to senior officers can make the difference between success and failure. In this simulated environment, officers and

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U.S. Army Spc. Anthony Cosgrave, a wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Inf. Div., and U.S. Army Spc. Ciondre Sterling, a petroleum supply specialist assigned to HSC, HHBn, DIVARTY, 1st Inf. Div., prepare mermite to depart from the F/1 Aviation Hangar. Every element within the division plays a vital role within Danger Ready 2 to ensure 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers enhance their combat-readiness.

U.S. Army Private First Class Cameron Boarts, a human intelligence collector assigned to Signal Intelligence and Sustainment Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, pours fuel to begin the first day of operation Danger Ready 2.



noncommissioned officers are offered the opportunity to improve the level of detail and the speed at which accurate information is transferred.

“We should be building upon this every time,” said Tillis. “We are doing this to try and be better.”

For each Soldier the end state of training exercises is in understanding the capabilities of a division involved in a large-scale combat operation and their role in maintaining those capabilities.

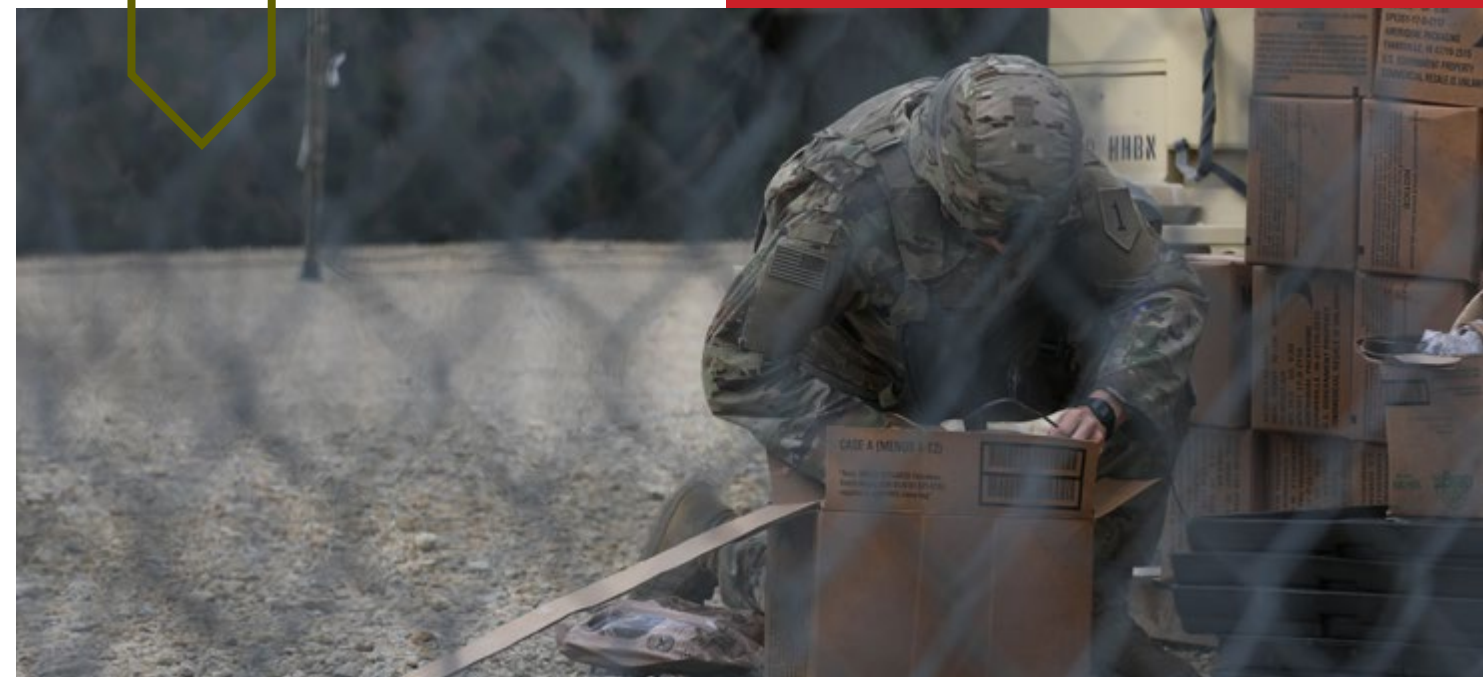
The series of Danger Ready training events will continue to build upon one another, improving lethal functions of the 1st Inf. Div. and its ability to operate in any combat environment as it prepares for Warfighter 2024.



U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Gibson, a general engineering technician assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Inf. Div., communicates with the division headquarters during Danger Ready 2. Gibson has aided in the planning of analysis on waterways and reconnaissance tracking all engineer elements under 1st Inf. Div.

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U.S. Army Soldier assigned to the 1st Infantry Division rummages through open MRE boxes during Danger Ready 2. The 1st Inf. Div. is training alongside multinational allies and partners to enhance its interoperability with combat-like scenarios.



A HUMVEE attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, waits at a training site on Fort Riley, Kansas Oct. 29, 2023.



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, survey a training site on Fort Riley. Elements belonging to the 1st Inf. Div.'s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Sustainment Brigade, Signal Company and Division Artillery, continued with stage two of Danger Ready, a series of ongoing exercises designed to prepare Soldiers for a capstone multinational Warfighter exercise.



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division survey a site on Fort Riley.



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Spc. Charles Leitner



U.S. Army Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division march in the Veteran's Day Parade in Manhattan, Kansas, Nov. 10, 2023. The 1st Inf. Div. Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and 1st Inf. Div. Band led Soldiers of the Big Red One as they marched along Poyntz Ave.

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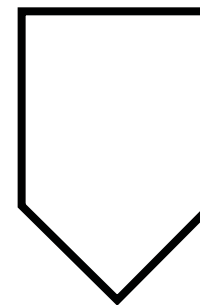
said SPC David Cartwright



11D MARCHES IN LITTLE APPLE **VETERANS DAY PA- RADE**

NOVEMBER 10TH

MANHATTAN, Kansas



The U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division participated in this year's Veterans Day Parade in Manhattan Kansas, on Nov. 10, 2023.

The 1st Inf. Div. Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and 1st Inf. Div. Band led Soldiers of the Big Red One as they marched along Poyntz Ave. Maj. Gen. John V. Meyer III, commander of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, presided over the parade alongside other honored guests of the Fort Riley and Manhattan communities.

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Spc. David Cartwright, an intelligence analyst assigned to the 1st Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade, 1st Inf. Div.

A Ceremony of Honor, highlighting veterans who served during the Cold War period, was held after the parade's conclusion at the Peace Memorial Auditorium. Brig. Gen. (retired) William A. Turner, director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office, who once served as the deputy commanding general of support in the 1st Inf. Div., was recognized during the event.



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 "I knew that from my assignment in Europe and from what I had learned from the [noncommissioned officers] and officers that supervised me there, I was sure that I was ready to deploy and engage in combat," said Turner. "Even though I was new to this particular unit, there was still a common understanding and there was a confidence among us, a shared trust that we had, that we knew we could count on one another when the time came."



A man sits in his car at the staging area before the Veteran's Day Parade.

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VETERANS DAY 2023



Children watch as U.S. Army Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division march in the Veteran's Day Parade.



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A member of the Sons of the American Revolution waits at the staging area before the Veteran's Day Parade in Manhattan, Kansas, Nov. 10, 2023. The 1st Inf. Div. Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and 1st Inf. Div. Band led Soldiers of the Big Red One as they marched along Poyntz Ave.

K-STATE HOSTS FORT RILEY DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH

MANHATTAN, Kansas

Story and photos by
Pfc. Koltyn O'Marah



The battle commenced at 2:02 p.m. as the Kansas State Wildcats faced off against Baylor University's Bears in their 21st all-time bout.

Prior to the start of the game, military police showed off static displays on the outskirts of the stadium to give the community a peek into what it's like to be a Soldier.

"It's very important for us at Fort Riley to be engaged with the community, we have to show support for our community because they show support for our service, so we get out here engage and have a conversation with the community to build comradery and relationships," said 2nd Lt. Ethan Davis, platoon leader in the 977th Military Police Compa-

ny, a unit operating out of Fort Riley. Thousands of people flooded the stadium, it was another sold out home game for Kansas State.

During the opening ceremony, as The Star-Spangled Banner played, Kansas State supporters unraveled an American flag the size of the field. As soon as the national anthem concluded, four AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopters flew over the stadium, kicking off the start of the game.

The Soldiers matched the score of the game point for pushup while Kansas State took their lead over Baylor. When the dust settled, Kansas State came out victorious, beating Baylor with a score of 59 to 25.



Game day Footballs sit on the field before the Fort Riley Day game.



Soldier assigned to the 1st Infantry Division performs as Kansas State University's mascot during a Veterans Day game at the Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The Fort Riley Day game is an annual tradition between Kansas State University and Fort Riley symbolizing their ongoing connection.

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Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division present the colors before a Veterans Day game at the Bill Snyder Family Stadium.



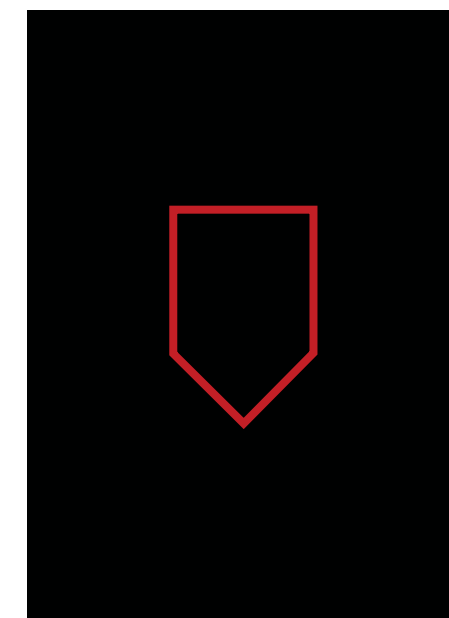
A player with Kansas State University warms up before a Veterans Day game at the Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

“..., there’s 150 Soldiers in the stands today it’s just great,”

said CSM John Derek Noyes

“This is an amazing opportunity for us to come together with the community on Veterans Day, to participate in a game like this is also a great opportunity for the community to show support for Fort Riley, there’s 150 Soldiers in the stands today it’s just great,” said Command Sgt. Maj. John Derek Noyes, command sergeant major of 1st Infantry Division.

Kansas State walked away with another win under their belt and the Soldiers of Fort Riley walked away having experienced an excellent game in their honor, further strengthening the ties that bind them.





Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division perform a flyover during halftime at a Veterans Day game at the Bill Snyder Family Stadium, Nov. 11, 2023. The Fort Riley Day game is an annual tradition between Kansas State University and Fort Riley symbolizing their ongoing connection.

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FROM THE BIG RED ONE



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TURKEY BOWL
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JUNCTION CITY HIGH SCHOOL
TIME: 1600

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NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

November

**TRIBAL NATIONS
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HHBn TURKEY BOWL
McCormick Youth Sports Complex
November 21st
1300-1700

*The 1st Infantry Division is
hosting the Big Red One*

**YEAR OF
THE NCO**

Ball

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
HILTON GARDEN INN, MANHATTAN, KS



Open to all 11D and Fort Riley
Soldiers, Family members and
DoD Civilians.
Scan QR code to access ticket sales



FORT RILEY DAY

HONORS SOLDIERS SERVING AT HOME AND OVERSEAS
ON-FIELD PARTICIPATION

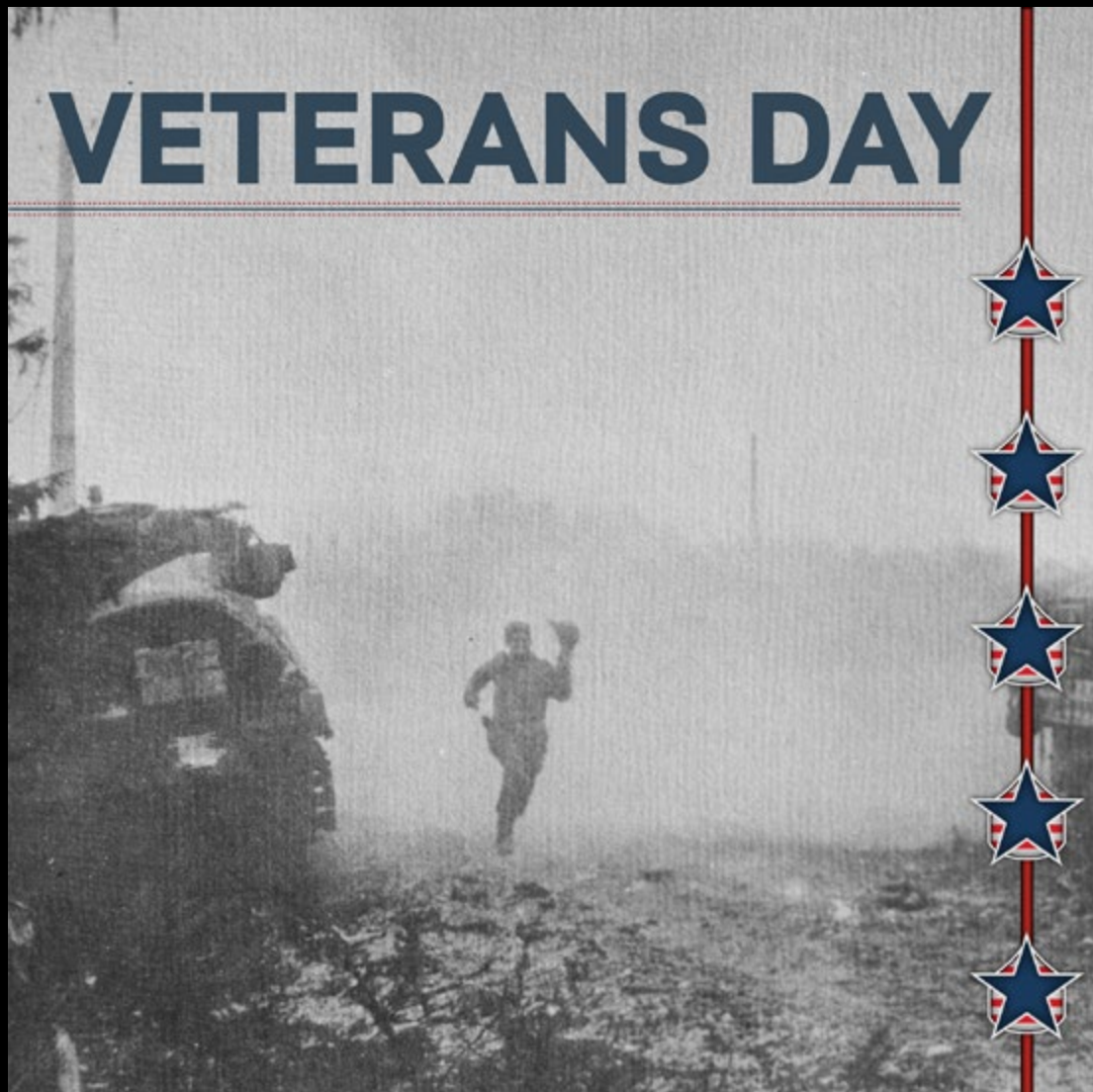
BAYLOR VS KANSAS STATE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Celebrate and honor the Soldiers and family members from Fort Riley, Kansas! Fort Riley Day hosts hundreds of Soldiers in a day-long tribute to the decades-long partnership between the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley and K-State. The "Big Red One" will showcase military vehicles and equipment pregame while service members will take part in events throughout the day.



"We are obviously honored that Kansas State University is able to have this unbelievable relationship with Fort Riley," said Richard Linton, the KSU President. "Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to great partnerships moving forward."

VETERANS DAY



Military Family Appreciation

Thank you to our ★ Military Families



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No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a non-commissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as “The Backbone of the Army”. I am proud of the Corps of noncommissioned officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

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