

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley:

'NCO Guide,' 'Sergeant's Time' show promote professional development

Everywhere I go I talk to soldiers, NCOs and officers about one thing — focusing on the basics. These include customs and courtesies, PT, NBC, marksmanship, first aid, field skills and counseling. If leaders do these well and enforce standards, our Army will continue to be the best in the world.

Enforcing standards and training soldiers is the core of what the NCO Corps is all about. It is our inherent responsibility to ensure soldiers are armed with these "basics." These are the skills that keep soldiers alive.

We are a busy Army. We have troops deployed to all corners of the world. The Global War on Terrorism requires all of our efforts to be successful. You see this at every location — Guard, Reserve and active soldiers working together to achieve victory. We are learning from each other and proving that we are indeed "An Army of One."

The *NCO Guide* is now available online. I encourage everyone to get a copy. It's an incredible tool to have in your kitbag to assist you in not only learning our craft, but also honing your skills. You can download it at the U.S. Army Publishing Agency's website — <http://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/7-22.7/toc.htm>.

In January we started a new show at <http://www.SoldiersRadio.com> called "Sergeant's Time." It's a 30-minute program that features senior NCOs talking about topical issues, answering e-mail and providing an enlisted perspective. It airs every Tuesday and needs your support to be successful. I am appearing on the show once a month and look forward to your questions and comments. E-mail me at smaweb@hqda.army.mil.

This issue of the *NCO Journal* touches on a

number of topics that all soldiers can learn from. Financial planning, new approaches to counseling and battle staff training are just a few of the articles that I ask you to share with your soldiers.

As I touch on learning, I ask each of you to educate your communities. We need to get out and tell the Army story. Our soldiers represent all that is great about America. This nation needs to hear about the incredible things they are doing. The media is just one avenue to tell our fellow citizens about their Army. Talk to your neighbors, your families and friends about the hard work, skill and professionalism that surround us every day.

Be proud of being a soldier. Your sacrifices keep our nation free and our Constitution intact.

HOOAH!

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley ground guides a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle driven by World Wrestling Entertainment star "Bradshaw" during a tour of the U.S. Central Command area of operation Dec. 18-24.

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