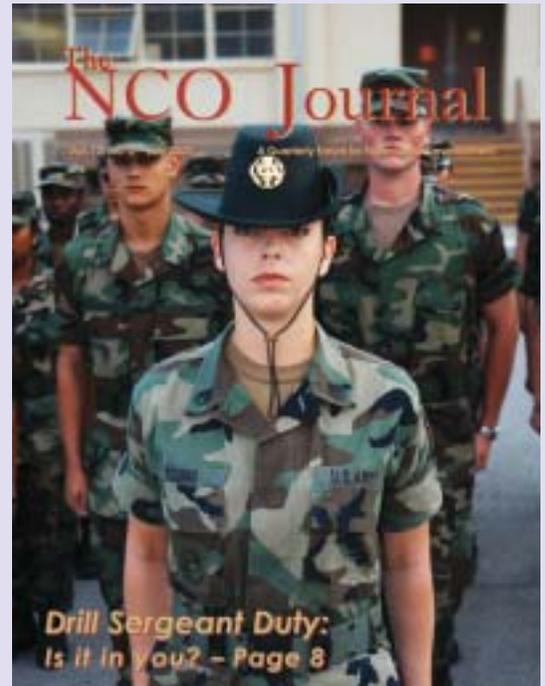


# *Journal* strives to provide useful information



This issue of the *NCO Journal* is dedicated to all of the soldiers deployed around the world. It's been a long, dangerous mission with no end in sight. Hopes are that they will return home safely and soon. With that in mind, several of this issue's articles focus on combat and redeployment concerns.

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class George Loucks' article takes an in-depth look at combat fatigue and how to fight it. Loucks provides valuable information for every NCO going into a combat zone or even an extended training exercise. (See page 12.)

While combat stress is a known enemy that soldiers face, the great unknown and anxious expectations of returning home from deployment is an area where soldiers often tread on unfamiliar terrain. Sgt. Maj. Lon Crosier helps explain a new program, the Deployment Cycle Support plan, that helps soldiers cope with the redeployment and readjusting to homelife. (See page 15.)

National Guard and Reserve soldiers returning from deployment sometimes have a unique set of circumstances with which they must cope: will their civilian jobs be waiting for them? A Department of Defense organization, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, works to inform Guard and Reserve soldiers of their lawful reemployment rights and to mediate any conflicts between Reserve soldiers and their civilian employers.

As for active-duty soldiers returning home who are thinking about "What's next?" Gen. Kevin Byrnes, the Training and Doctrine Command commander, may have a suggestion: Drill sergeant duty. See page 8 if you think you are up for the task of training the Army's ultimate weapons, new soldiers.

As with every issue of the *Journal*, we try to provide NCOs with news they can use. This quarter, we focus on assets available on the Worldwide Web, including a user's guide to Army Knowledge Online (AKO) and a two-page tear-out of Web site resources that may come in hand.

Please remember, the *Journal* staff is always looking for articles, commentaries, letters to the editor and photographs. Submitting articles or photographs to the *Journal* is a great way to spotlight your command or installation. Thanks to all of you who have and continue to contribute.

I would also like to thank all of you who took the time to complete the *Journal* readership survey. The response has been so strong that we are still compiling the results. We'll give you the whole breakdown in our October issue.

And, lastly, we have some folks we'd like to welcome and others we'd like to farewell. First, I'd like to welcome our new directorate chief, Sgt. Maj. Glenn Wagner. Although Sgt. Maj. Wagner does not work on the *Journal* on a daily basis, he's quickly become one of our greatest supporters. I'd like to welcome Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Hughes. Sgt. Maj. Hughes is a field artilleryman that recently graduated the Sergeants Major Course. He's helping us while he awaits his assignment as a battalion command sergeant major.

We also have two new journalists on board, Sgt. Chad Jones and Spc. Matthew MacRoberts.

Sgt. Jones just PCSed from the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.

Spc. MacRoberts previously served as an active-duty Infantry soldier and most recently served as a journalist in the Army Reserve 361st Press Camp Headquarters, Fort Totten, N. Y. I believe these soldiers will be great assets to the magazine.

And lastly, we say farewell to two *Journal* staffers, Sgt. Jimmy Norris and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Ret.) Phil Tegtmeier. Sgt. Norris is leaving to become a staff member on the Fort Bliss, Texas, newspaper, the *Monitor*; Phil has left to return to his adopted home in Italy.

One last farewell I must note is that of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy commandant, Col. Michael Enneking. Col. Enneking, a former NCO, truly understands the value of NCOs. He has given the *Journal* staff tremendous support for which we are eternally grateful. He leaves the Academy to serve as the Inspector General for the state of Oklahoma. We wish him the best.

As always, we remember those who are forward deployed. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

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