



From the Command Sergeant Major's desk

Last year marked my first year as the Command Sergeant Major of the Field Artillery. It's been a great year, and I feel fortunate for being able to travel and speak to Soldiers and leaders throughout the Army. The most common theme in my discussions was on modernization of the Field Artillery, as well as the goals set forth for Field Artillery Soldier 2020. As I begin the second year of my tenure, it is my intention to provide an update on our progress with these important initiatives.

Early last year, we conducted a comprehensive 13 series MOS review. Our goal was to look at the possibilities, based on technological advancements within our FA systems, of consolidating our current seven MOSs down to four by 2020. This is a necessary review to ensure all of our MOSs are current, relevant, sustainable, and offer the best assignment and promotion opportunities possible for our NCOs and Soldiers. These MOS reviews will ensure we continue to produce the most capable, diversified, and well-trained Field Artillery Soldiers and NCOs for our branch and the Combined Arms team.

The first MOS we tackled was 13F, Forward Observers. Clearly the 13F MOS was in the greatest need of modernization due to the technological challenges associated with determining precision coordinates and employing Joint Fires. The established targeting standard to acquire precision target locations, CAT I coordinates (<6M TLE), 80% of the time, and the demand that our Forward Observers be Joint Fires Observer qualified, required significant modifications to the Institutional, Organizational and Individual training domains. As a result of this effort, 13F AIT has been resourced by TRADOC to grow from a 6 week course to an 8 week and 4 day course. This is just the beginning, 13F ALC and SLC are also reviewing and modifying the curriculums to ensure the precision and Joint critical tasks are being taught at the appropriate levels.

Progress continues on the decision to merge 13D and 13P into a single 13J MOS, Fire Control Specialist. With all of our weapon platforms becoming digitized, the reliance and use of manual gunnery should be relegated to degraded operations only. The 13D and 13P MOSs are now far more

homogenous in their processes and procedures between the FDC and weapon automated fire control systems. The 13J MOS specifications have been written and approved. This MOS will be capable of fulfilling fire control roles, duties, and responsibilities across both cannon and rocket formations with enhanced Fire Support integration skills. The 13J training begins in FY17 and the transformation complete by FY18.

For me personally, our greatest challenge is getting it right for our 13T (Field Artillery Surveyor/Meteorological Crewmember) NCOs and Soldiers. There is absolutely no projected growth in 13T MOS career field for the foreseeable future. As a consequence, it is imperative that we begin now to get our 13Ts transitioned to other critical need MOSs. Profiler technology has allowed the historical 13T meteorological critical tasks to be integrated into the 13D AIT and ALC courses and the Metro critical tasks will soon transition to the 13J MOS. Likewise survey technological advancements will allow us to merge the survey critical tasks into



2014 Red Book

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Points of Contact: We appreciate those who have provided announcements, notices, articles and lessons learned.

Additionally, if you have a story of interest or wish to initiate a discussion on any topic or issue facing the Field Artillery community, contact Mr. John Folland, (580) 558-0831, or the editor of the *Redleg Update*, Ms. Sharon McBride, Field Artillery STRATCOM officer, (580) 558-0836.

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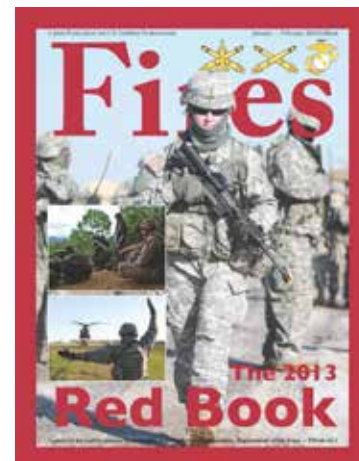
It's that time of year again; it's time to put together your annual Red Book submissions. The annual Redbook is an opportunity to highlight what your Soldiers and units have accomplished over the past year. Deadline for submission is 3 DECEMBER 2014.

The Red Book MOI can be found online at

<http://sill-www.army.mil/firesbulletin>.

The Field Artillery Branch and the United States Field Artillery School encourages all our Field Artillery units to participate in this highly-anticipated, annual publication of the Fires Bulletin.

Please do not hesitate to call or email the staff at the Fires Bulletin or the FCoE STRATCOM



office for any questions regarding submissions.

The point of contact for this year's Red Book submissions is Jennifer McFadden with the Fires Bulletin staff at 580-442-1090 (DSN 639); or at fires.bulletin@us.army.mil.

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Recognizing the Best Within Our Branch

Packets must be emailed to the FAPO POC, SFC Shepherd at vincent.r.shepherd@us.army.mil or mailed to the Field Artillery Proponent Office at Room 278, 730 NW Schimmelpfenning Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503-9035.

For more information and MOI go to the FAPO FKN page at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/43264290>

Warfighter Forums

The Field Artillery WfFs offer an opportunity for communication, collaboration, and coordination of all Field Artillery units.

I encourage all commanders to participate in these critical forums in order to enhance the cross-talk between the generating and operating forces.

Fires Forum– 18SEP14 10:00 – 12:00 (NIPR VTC)
SBCT WfF - 03OCT14 11:00-12:30 (SIPR)
SBCT WfF - (FA Breakout session) - 08OCT14 11:00 – 13:00 (NIPR)
IBCT WfF – 29OCT14 10:30-12:00 (SIPR)
ABCT WfF –TBD 13:30-15:00 (SIPR)

The DCO links for the WfFs are as follows:

SBCT WfF – <https://connect.dco.dod.mil/ssxvigrp3>

CTC Forum – <https://connect.dco.dod.mil/ctcfires>

FiB WfF – <https://connect.dco.dod.mil/fibwff>

IBCT WfF – (FA Breakout session) –
<https://connect.dco.dod.mil/ibctfabnwff>

HBCT WfF – (FA Breakout session) –
<https://connect.dco.dod.mil/hbctfabnwff>

DIV/CORPS Fires WfF –
<https://connect.dco.dod.mil/divcorpsfireswff>

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY “SEPTEMBER”

4 September 1886, Apache chief Geronimo surrendered to U.S. government troops. For 30 years, the mighty Native American warrior had battled to protect his tribe’s homeland; however, by 1886 the Apaches were exhausted and hopelessly outnumbered.

General Nelson Miles accepted Geronimo’s surrender, making him the last Indian warrior to formally give in to U.S. forces and signaling the end of the Indian Wars in the Southwest.

11 September 1918, The Battle of St. Mihiel began with a huge artillery barrage from 3,010 guns ranging in size from 58mm to 16 inches, arranged in 667 batteries to pave the way for the American infantry to attack. The American guns fired 838,800 rounds.

13 September 1954, The Artillery School began classes in the newly constructed Snow Hall. The classes were taught in the academic (B) wing of the building.

15 September 1911, The School of Fire for Field Artillery officially opened its doors to its first class of officers.

21 September 1933, The War Department announced that the Public Works

Administration had allotted \$4 billion for construction at Fort Sill. Among other things, the funding paid for constructing a new administration building, later named after Lieutenant General Lesley McNair.

30 September 1946, The Field Artillery School began preparing for the consolidation of the Coast Artillery School, the Antiaircraft Artillery School, and the Field Artillery School into one Artillery School.



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the 13B/M MOSs. These MOSs will initially get an additional skill identifier (ASI) to encompass all Survey tasks. Survey critical tasks will become a common task once the technology is completed with survey equipment integrated into Soldier equipment and mounted on vehicles and helicopters. The 13T MOS is currently targeted for deletion in FY18.

Finally, we just completed Critical Task Review Boards for MOSs 13B and 13M. These boards validated the critical tasks for each MOS from skill level 10 through skill level 40. The CTRB also explored the possibilities of a future merger of the 13B/M MOSs. The team continues their analysis; I will keep the force informed on their findings and recommendations.

For the 13R MOS, Radar Specialists, there are a number of major automation improvements that will require close management and modifications to Institutional, Organizational and Individual training programs over the next several years. The Q50 (LCMR) radar continues to be fielded to the force. The Q53, which will eventually replace both the Q36 and Q37 Radars, continues to go through testing with the goal to have a full rate production decision in FY 15. In the mean time we will continue to train our 13R NCOs and Soldiers on the Q50, Q36 and Q37 Radar systems.

Again, I am confident these 13 Series MOS reviews are critical and will provide the force with the most modernized and capable Field

Artillery in the world.

This past year has flown by, and I'd like to thank everyone for the invitations to visit and speak with Redleg Officers, NCOs and Soldiers across the Army. Whether it was SLC lunches, Saint Barbara events, site visits, or NCO Induction ceremonies, it's been both an education and absolute honor.

As always, I encourage and welcome any feedback or questions you may have. If you have not done so already, I encourage you and your Soldiers to visit my Facebook page @

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CSM-of-the-Field-Artillery/418766494912364>

**Thanks for all you do for the Army and the Field Artillery!
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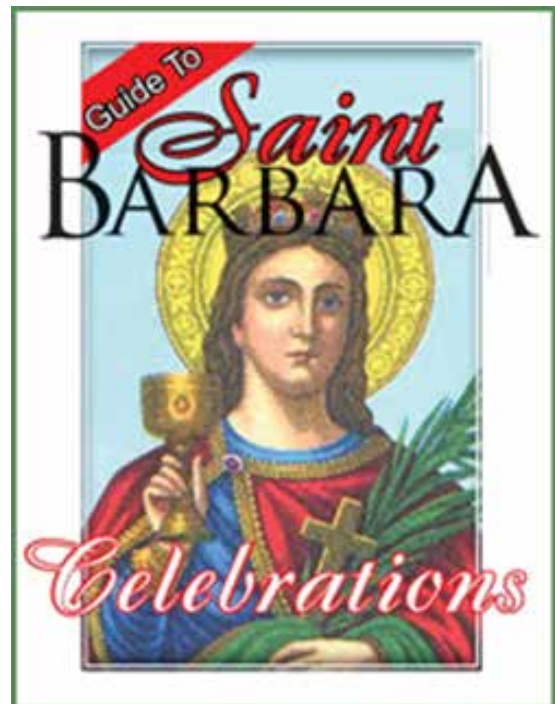
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Saint Barbara

As we celebrate a shared history and legacy, leaders should view it as an opportunity to re-inforce the Army Profession, helping our junior leaders understand what it means to be a Professional in the Fires force of our Army and teach them the value of our history and traditions.

To help guide your St. Barbara celebrations this holiday season we have paced a "Guide to Saint Barbara Celebrations" on our main web site @ <http://sill-www.army.mil/USAFAS> for easy reference for planning and executing a celebration to be remembered.

Additionally, we have also placed a cheat sheet on the site for the submission of Molly Pitcher and Saint Barbara awards. Remember to start early to get those awards back in time for your unit's celebration.



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