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the CSM 

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## Robert G. Lehtonen II

CSM Robert G. Lehtonen II  
Command Sergeant Major of the  
Field Artillery

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The Field Artillery's "Number One Statue." located at Fort Sill, Okla.  
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# FROM THE DESK of the CSM

I would like to open this edition of the Redleg Update by saying I am proud to have this opportunity to serve you as the 11th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Field Artillery and the United States Army Field Artillery School.

On Aug. 21st at Fort Sill, OK in front of McNair Hall we conducted our Field Artillery Command Sergeant Major Change of Responsibility ceremony and said "goodbye" to a great Redleg CSM Dan Moriarty.

CSM Moriarty has done an amazing job for our branch, our Soldiers, and our FA School; I look forward to maintaining momentum in all our current initiatives.

## Knox, Hamilton and Gruber 2015

The deadline for the 2015 Knox, Hamilton and Gruber nominations is just around the corner; Nov. 1 is the deadline for all packets. Over the past several years, we have had great participation in this awards program, and I want this year to be even better.

In 2014, the Field Artillery Henry A. Knox Award was awarded to B Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery (Fort Bliss, Texas). Bravo Battery was postured as a maneuver commander's double threat through the versatility to provide lethal fires with both self-propelled PALADIN's and towed M777A2's.

The 2014 Field Artillery Alexander Hamilton Award was awarded to A Battery, 1st Battalion, 181st Field Artillery Regiment (Tennessee Army National Guard). Alpha Battery, 1-181FA Battalion embarked on and executed one of the most important and relevant missions that the unit has been challenged to accomplish from August 2013 to June 2014. Bravo



*CSM Robert G. Lehtonen II is the new command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Field Artillery School. Photo by Sharon McBride, USAFAS*

Battery's superior performance was highlighted by the ground-breaking work testing SUE's during NIE; building a foundation for joint and combined operations and shaping the force for all branches. They did so with excellence in every aspect of their duties.

The 2014 Field Artillery Edmund L. Gruber Award was awarded to SFC Daniel King, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment (Fort Campbell, KY). SFC King proved himself to be an invaluable leader within the brigade and set unprecedented standards throughout the battalion's

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fielding, training, and deployment of the M119A3 and M777A2 howitzer systems, while advising the Afghan

National Army 201st Corps Artillery leaders throughout Regional Command-East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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### Get your packets in

I know there are units and individuals in our branch who are worthy of these awards, but they cannot be recognized unless a packet is sent forward detailing their accomplishments to the Field Artillery Proponent Office by the deadline. All packets must include a letter of endorsement by both a Battalion, DIVARTY and Brigade commander.

These awards are designed to promote, sustain and recognize excellence across the U.S. Army Field Artillery community. When gathering information to pen the narrative on your unit make sure to include details on how the battery fulfilled its mission based on its mission-essential task list (METL) in an outstanding manner. Field Artillery firing batteries and headquarters batteries, target acquisition, administrative and training batteries are eligible to participate.

The Gruber Award is open to all Artilleryman who have been recognized by their leaders for their contributions to the enhancement of the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities.

Once all the packets have been received, each submission will be graded on its own merit by a six-member panel consisting of a mixture of Colonels and Sergeants Major.

Each Knox and Hamilton nomination will be graded on excellence in mission execution, while each Gruber nomination will be graded on the following criteria: innovation of Field Artillery doctrine, training, materiel, or personnel solutions, or tactics, techniques, and procedures enabling the accomplishment of the mission.

Don't let your units or outstanding FA individuals go unnoticed. Get your packets together and submitted today. The eligibility criteria for the Knox and Hamilton Awards are outlined in a memorandum of instruction (MOI) that can be found online at <http://sill-www.army.mil/USAFAS/index.html>. Click on the photo of the "Number One Man" on the home page.



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### History of the Henry A. Knox Award

The Henry A. Knox Award is named after the first Chief of Artillery, and first Secretary of War, Major General Henry A. Knox. The award recognizes the most outstanding Active Component battery. Originally called the Knox Trophy and Medal, the awards were established in 1924 by the Chief of Field Artillery and presented annually.

They recognized the best artillery battery (Trophy) and best enlisted Artillery Soldier (Medal) based on performance, excellence, leadership and proficiency. The awards recognized hard work, talent and determination that resulted in performance of the highest of standards. The awards were halted during World War I and were not re-initiated until 2002.



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## History of the Alexander Hamilton Award

The Alexander Hamilton Award recognizes the best Army National Guard (ARNG) Battery. It was created in 2002 and is named after American Statesman and Continental Army Artilleryman Alexander Hamilton.

Hamilton was an outstanding Artillery battery commander and a skilled cohort of General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Hamilton helped write the U.S. Constitution and also served as the Nation's first Secretary of the Treasury.

## History of the Edmund L. Gruber Award

The Edmund L. Gruber Award is named after Brigadier General Edmund L. Gruber, a noted Field Artillery Officer, who as a First Lieutenant in 1908 composed the "Caisson Song," which the Army adopted as "The Army Song" (The Army Goes Rolling Along) in 1952. The Gruber Award was established in 2002 to recognize the most outstanding individual Artillery Soldier in thought and innovation that resulted in significant contributions to, or the enhancement of the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities, morale, readiness or maintenance.

## Proud to Serve

Again in closing, I'm proud to have this opportunity to serve you as the 11th CSM of the FA and USAFAS. I look forward to circulating around the globe meeting with as many units and FA Soldiers as possible.

## King of Battle!

*CSM Robert G. Lehtonen 99*



*The 2014 Field Artillery Henry A. Knox Award was awarded to: B Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery (Fort Bliss, Texas). All photos U.S. Army released.*



*The winner of the 2014 Field Artillery Edmund L. Gruber Award is: SFC Daniel King, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment (Fort Campbell, KY).*



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## FAPO CSM



*SGM Alexis C. Shelton is the Field Artillery Proponent Office Sergeant Major. U.S. Army Photo released.*

First of all I would like to say that it is an honor and privilege to be the new Field Artillery Proponent SGM. As a vessel for the Commandant and the CSM, I am in an awesome position to assist in helping shape the future of our Artillery community. I am excited and look forward to working with the entire team on the abundance of initiatives in the Field Artillery.

On behalf of the Commandant, the FA CSM and myself congratulations to the 256 SSGs who were selected on the recent FY15 Sergeant First Class Selection board.

## The Sergeant's First Class Role



While "Platoon Sergeant (PLT SGT)" is a duty position, not a rank, the PLT SGT is the primary assistant and advisor to the Platoon Leader, with the responsibility of training and caring for Soldiers. The PLT SGT helps the commander to train the Platoon Leader (PLT LDR) and in that regard has an enormous effect on how young officers perceive NCOs for the remainder of their career. The PLT SGT takes charge of the platoon in the absence of the PLT LDR. As the lowest level senior NCO involved in the company mission essential task list (METL), PLT SGTs teach and train collective and individual tasks to Soldiers in squads, crews or small units.

# Field Artillery Proponent Office Update

## MOS 13J:

On 8 JUL 2015, the Army approved the merger of MOS 13D and 13P. While the merger of the MOSs into MOS 13J will not reflect on the TOEs until 1 OCT 17, the Field Artillery School will begin teaching the new Program of Instruction after 1 OCT 15. The new POI will train students on howitzer and rocket/ missile fire direction tasks. After 1 OCT 17, Soldiers awarded MOS 13D will automatically change over to MOS 13J. After 1 OCT 17, Soldiers awarded MOS 13P will be assigned an ASI of Y2 until they complete on online blackboard module. Once the 13PY2 successfully completes the module, the Soldier will submit a DA Form 4187 signed by

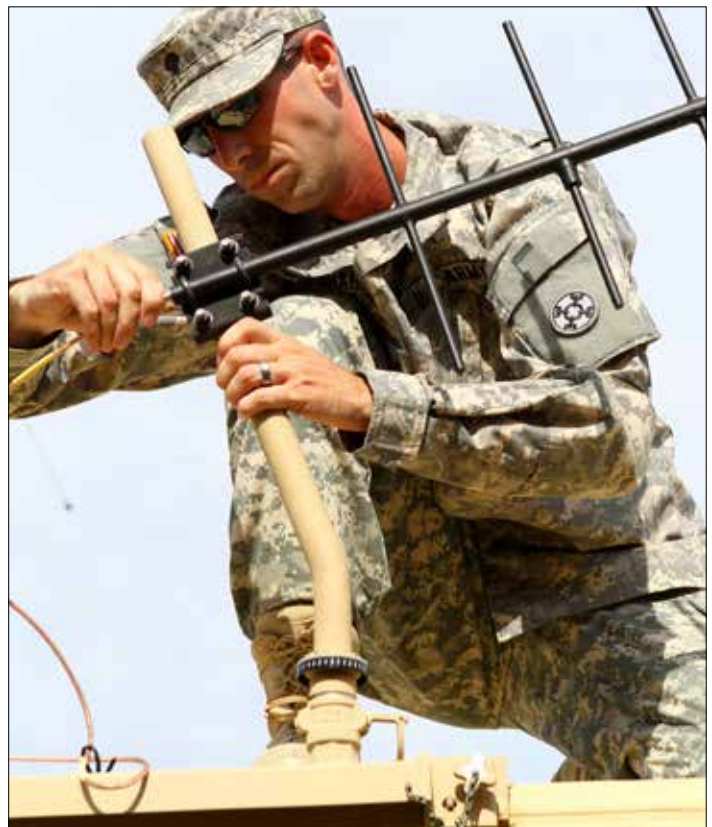


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the first O-5 Commander in the chain of command for award of MOS 13J. MOS 13PY2 Soldiers must complete the online Blackboard module NLT 31 MAR 15 or they will be subject to reclassification.

## MOS 13T:

As part of the reduction in force structure the Army made the decision to eliminate MOS 13T positions from the MTOEs beginning in FY 17. Simultaneously, the Army will eliminate all 13T positions from the TOEs and TDAs, and will delete the MOS. The FA Commandant approved an IPADS-G Training Strategy which has several phases. In early FY 16, the Field Artillery School will provide units with access to a Training Support Package (TSP) to train a unit, in depth and breadth, in advance of losing their 13T Soldiers. Additionally, the Field Artillery School and FCOE NCOA will begin teaching IPADS-G to Soldiers attending 13R Senior Leaders Course (SLC). Commanders, Soldiers/NCOs with any MOS are eligible to take the IPADS-G training; we encourage you to “think outside the box” to meet your metro needs. Finally, the Field Artillery School is continuing to finalize a plan to send Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) to U.S. Army and ARNG locations worldwide to train Soldiers to operate the IPADS-G. FCOE is continuing to work on developing a material solution to replace IPADS-G in the near future.



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# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY “OCTOBER”

**3 October 1918**, The Infantry School of Musketry, later renamed the Infantry School, officially moved from Fort Sill to Fort Benning, Georgia.

**6 October 1781**, French and American siege of British at Yorktown began with artillery bombardment.

**7 October 1871**, President Ulysses S. Grant declared Fort Sill to be a permanent fort.

**10 October 1965**, The 1st Cavalry Division began combat operations near Pleiku, Vietnam. For the Field Artillery, this was a groundbreaking experience. All of the division's field artillery was airlifted (105mm towed howitzers) by helicopters or was aerial rocket artillery (armed helicopters). The division maintained 434 helicopters and had the capability to move one-third of its combat power at one time into terrain inaccessible to normal infantry vehicles.

**15 October 1967**, SFC Webster Anderson, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division distinguished himself on this date earning a Medal of Honor.

**17 October 1967**, 2LT Harold Bascom Durham, Jr., Battery C, 6th Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the cost of his life on this day to earn a Medal of Honor.

**23 October 1917**, C Battery, 6th Field Artillery, equipped with the French 75mm field gun, fired the first field artillery round for the U.S. Army in World War I in the Lorraine. Corporal Robert Bralet of the Sixth Artillery became the first U.S. soldier to fire a shot in the war when he discharged a French 75mm gun into a German trench a half mile away.

**23 October 1983**, Four members of the Field Artillery School Target Acquisition Battery were killed and one was wounded when the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, was bombed by terrorists. The Target Acquisition Battery was composed of staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School and had been deployed to Beirut, Lebanon on 4 August 1983 in support of the 24th Marine Amphibious and the Multi-National Peace-keeping Force.

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