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REEOs and Intergovernmental Affairs Now Part of Garrison Leaders' Orientation

 ${\sf A}_{\sf n}$ orientation on intergovernmental relations and the role the Army's four Regional Environmental and Energy Offices (REEOs) play in supporting the Total Army and Department of Defense (DoD) efforts is now part of the Garrison Leader Course (GLC), conducted by the Army Installation Management Academy. The course is designed for Soldiers and civilians from senior positions across the Installation Management Command (IMCOM).

The new orientation became part of the GLC instruction on environmental programs, policy, and environmental law through an agreement between the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, and the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. The first ever Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)/REEO orientation was presented to 22 GLC students on August 19, 2013. This orientation has been part of every GLC since that date.

Mr. Steve Scanlon, Director of the REEO-Central office at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., presents the IGR/REEO orientation. He said the purpose of adding the orientation to the course was to connect the Army's intergovernmental relations capability from the Headquarters, Department of the Army to the installation level, and to highlight the key role garrison leaders have in defending the Army's interests by engaging with state and local officials.

"Despite the REEOs actively advocating on behalf of the Army for almost 20 years now, some new garrison commanders have never heard of the REEOs or have never been in a military assignment where their duties included intergovernmental relations," Mr. Scanlon said. "They don't realize that they have de facto responsibilities in this realm and that the REEOs are there to assist them as well as all of the installation management team."

As part of the IGR/REEO orientation, GLC students receive a collection of reference materials. These include primers on how to work with state and local governments, pamphlets highlighting the DoD's contribution to individual state economies, and examples of recent state legislative and regulatory actions affecting installations. As of June 2014, 32 garrison commanders based in the contiguous United States, five deputy garrison commanders, and 17 members of IMCOM staff now have new IGR tools to help address a host of installation issues with near- and long-term impacts on training, testing, operations and sustainability.

The next GLC class is scheduled for August 2014 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

For more information about the Army REEOs and their state government affairs programs, visit http://www.asaie.army.mil/ Public/ESOH/REEO/index.html.

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