

What is one thing you do to make a difference for the profession via CC?

I check out the discussions at least weekly and participate whenever I can add value. —Art La Flamme

When I download and use a tool or idea, I let the person who submitted it know. People definitely appreciate the feedback. —Sean McWilliams

I ensure the future COs I know are aware of CC. —Tom Feltey

I've connected with leaders specifically because of the experiences they listed on their dog tag. So, one way to make a difference is to update your dog tag regularly. —John Whyte

When an idea works in my unit, I sound off with it on CC.mil for others to see. —Ryan Morgan

I stepped up as a topic lead for the *Engineer* rally point, and I'm doing all I can to connect EN commanders. —Dave Hibner

In the FA rally point, I've had success lately connecting commanders with experience in Iraq and Afghanistan to commanders who are preparing to go. You can make a huge impact just by being a connector. —Luis Rivera

I started keeping a command journal in the *Cdrs' Log* on CC.mil. I'm really glad I did. —Patrick McCarthy

If I have a question about anything, I ask it in the discussion area. I get great feedback, and I think we all benefit from the conversation. —Matthew Weinrich

I signed up to be a command contact for the *Fitness* topic. It's been great making a difference for other COs. —Jeff Sargent

I recently interviewed several COs on the ground in Iraq and posted the results in the *Warfighting* topic. —Dave Meyer

I developed a *Cmd Challenge* scenario based on my experience preparing to deploy to combat in Iraq. —Rob McCormick

I introduced myself in the *Medical* rally point and participate in any way I can. I also started a *Cdrs' Log* journal. —Gail Gauthier

My LTs and I use content like the *Cmd Challenges* and *Cmd Quizzes* to spark a monthly leadership discussion. —Chris Amos

I completed the combat-leader interview that is linked to from the *Warfighting* topic. I wanted to share the things I learned with leaders heading over to Iraq now. —Rob Guida

I took the *Pro-Reading Challenge*. CC.mil sent me copies of *An Army at Dawn*. My lieutenants and I are discussing it in the *Pro-Reading* topic now. —Dave Polizzotti

Company Commanders—present, future, and past—are invited to actively participate via CC—to become more effective and to advance the profession. Welcome to the conversation!

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To Company-Level Leaders:

Our Army has marched through many formidable challenges in its almost 230 years, and the era in which you find yourself leading Soldiers into battle is as daunting as perhaps there has ever been. I am extremely proud of you, as are all of us “elder” warriors.

Reading this book has caused me to reflect on my time as a young leader, which included tours in Vietnam fighting a decentralized counterinsurgency—a fight with many parallels to what you are facing today. In my experience, leaders must learn and adapt faster than the enemy in order to win. You know better than I that the current situation and enemy are in a rapid cycle of continuous change, and I don't see it slowing down anytime soon. Given the scale of change and the pervasive nature of this current war, we've got to achieve breakthroughs in the way that we learn and adapt as an organization.

I reported to the armor advanced course in 1964, directly from a tour in Vietnam. There were thirteen of us students who had just spent a year of our lives fighting a very different kind of war than we had been trained for. The advanced course instruction, however, focused on the Soviet threat, and no one wanted to hear about our experience! There we were: thirteen captains with critical knowledge and no mechanism to share it with the wider profession. Since then, the Army has come a long way, to include publishing counterinsurgency doctrine. And I am exhilarated to see you joining together and collectively raising the bar.

Raising the bar is not something your environment mysteriously does to you; it must be something you do for yourself. For the Army to collectively raise the bar requires the corporate body of professionals to take action. This book tells the story of Army leaders who—through the process of conversation and idea sharing—are building upon each other's hard-earned knowledge and are, in fact, already achieving breakthroughs. Considering what is at stake, I want to acknowledge these efforts and, at the same time, call you to even greater levels of involvement in service to one another and to the profession.

Thank you for advancing the Profession of Arms!

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