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### USASMA Slates NCO July Jubilee

NCOs and Army VIPs from around the world are scheduled to gather at USASMA to address NCOES and related issues during a July Jubilee that features two concurrent conferences and other events.

The July 6-10 events for active duty and Reserve Component soldiers are slated to include a worldwide NCOES Conference. At the same time, an SMA Conference featuring SMA Richard A. Kidd, former SMAs, and CSMs from major commands is scheduled.

Training developers, school commanders and academy commandants have also been invited to discuss NCOES and NCO leader development issues.

A July 7 dining out for conference attendees and their spouses is scheduled.

Seminars and other activities are also scheduled for spouses during the conference events. Entertainment events are also being planned.

Coinciding with the 20th anniversary of USASMA are homecoming celebrations for the academy's 13,000 graduates who are able to return. The events include the July 8 graduation of Class 39 of the Sergeants Major Course, a golf tournament for non-conference attendees on July 9 and a monument dedication and barbecue on July 10.

Army displays and demonstrations are also scheduled, including performances by the 3rd Infantry "Old Guard" drill team.

More information on the July Jubilee will be provided through CSM channels. The USASMA point of contact on the jubilee is SGM Ronald Samuelson at DSN 978-8447/8, or commercial (915) 568-8447/8.

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### Update on Courses

Several recent changes affect non-NCOES courses that are given by USASMA at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Academic Evaluation Reports (DA Form 1059) are now being given to students of the First Sergeant Course and the Battle Staff Course. Previously, AERs were given only for NCOES courses and others that were longer than the five- and six-week FSC and BSC, respectively. ARs 623-1 and 623-205 will be updated to reflect this change. Without an AER, there was no formal record of a student having failed one of these courses.

In June, class loads for the BSC are also scheduled to increase from about 160 to 200 students per class. BSC Training Support Packages for Reserve Components are also being updated to reflect improvements and changes that are being made to active duty component material. Upgraded packages for other courses and subjects will also be fielded as that material is updated.

Some units are also confused about requirements for attending the BSC. The course is open to NCOs assigned to either TDA or TOE organizations.

The first of three pilot courses for spouses of CSM Course students was conducted in January. After the May course, evaluations and recommendations will be made regarding the future of including spouses in the CSM training.

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### Hotline for Ideas

A 24-hour hotline now gives NCOs a direct voice in helping the Army decide what soldiers wear, carry or consume in a tactical environment.

The Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager-Soldier operates the hotline as part of its efforts to modernize doctrine, equipment and support. Calls should include ideas to improve battlefield capabilities, command and control, survivability, sustainment and mobility.

There are three ways to reach the hotline. Commercial access is available by calling (404) 545-1245. DSN access is

835-1245. And, as of late February, the toll-free number is 1-800-SOLDIER.

TRADOC Systems Manager-Soldier  
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### Journal Subscriptions

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### Employment Assistance

More than 56,000 NCOs and their family members received information and assistance during fiscal year 1990 through the Family Member Employment Assistance Program.

The Army Community Service program has 79 offices for helping soldiers, spouses and youths to prepare for and find jobs. It also assists with career planning, job-search training, resume preparation (including SF 171 applications for civil service employment) and referral services via its Job Listing Data Bank.

According to a 1989 survey, 82 percent of Army spouses preferred to have jobs or careers, and more preferred to have full-time careers within five years. The program is also linked to the Army Career and Alumni Program for those transitioning from Army to civilian communities.

Contact ACS for more information.

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### Future Themes

The NCO 2000 is the scheduled theme for the summer 1992 Journal. Organizations and individuals are invited to submit articles and letters that address, envision or predict NCO issues as the Army nears the 21st century.

The fall issue is slated to address the officer-NCO relationship.

Prospective contributors are encouraged to call the Journal, as far in advance as possible, to discuss their ideas.