

# GUNNER'S SEAT

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## Building to Mastery

Team,

I would like to thank CSM Tony and Nicole T. Towns for their warm welcoming and transition as both Katina and I step into the gunner's seat as the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Armor School. CSM Towns impacted the Armor and Cavalry community during his tenure by championing/educating the force on the year/month available and the Assignment Satisfaction Key-Enlisted Module. His efforts allowed our enlisted Soldiers more control over their careers, spearheading initiatives that ensure the noncommissioned-officer corps' role in driving organizational change. We would like to send him and Nicole off with our best wishes as they start the next chapter of their lives. Stay blessed and safe!

As I reflect upon my career, I am humbled and reminded daily of the many leaders and Soldiers that enabled me to reach my current objective. Like

many of you, my list is pages long: officers, NCOs and civilians. Looking at our current cohort of NCOs and junior-enlisted Soldiers, I believe it is paramount that we view those within the Armor and Cavalry community as ***the weapon system that delivers brigade combat team lethality***. My mission as the Armor School's CSM remains nested with that of the Chief of Armor/commandant, BG Feltey. That mission is: ***placing people first, enabling the evolution of the combined-arms fight, building and maintaining readiness, and putting our Armor and Cavalry Soldiers in a position of relative advantage over our adversaries.***

I will use the Gunner's Seat column to share information on all the Chief of Armor's initiatives as we drive to build the mastering of our Armor/Cavalry Soldier and trooper to succeed well beyond 2035 while always soliciting feedback from the operational force.

In closing, I want you all to know that

my door and line is always open to you. Your counsel and recommendations to help ensure that our Soldiers and troopers maintain a tactical and technical advantage is important in building mastery, all while holding the line that dates back to 1778 at Valley Forge when Inspector Friedrich von Steuben standardized NCO duties and responsibilities for the Army NCO Corps, which he based of the competence of leaders who were hand-chosen to be the first sergeants in the Continental Army.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Army, and thank you for your current and future investment in our Armor and Cavalry Soldiers.

**Armor Ready! Forge the Thunderbolt!**