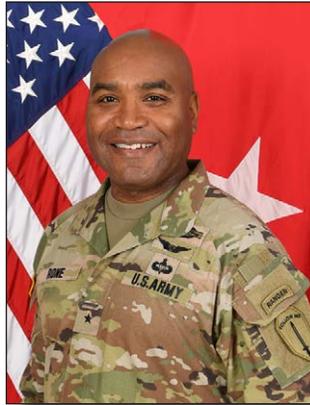


Commandant's Note



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On 31 August 2023, I was given the privilege to assume the role as Commandant of the United States Army Infantry School (USAIS) and the Director of the Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team. I am deeply honored to serve in both positions and excited to have the opportunity to shape the Infantry of 2030 and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my thoughts on how we continue to train and develop Infantry Leaders and Soldiers for future conflict. Much of our approach reflects **CSA George's four focus areas for the Army**. We seek to deliver **warfighting** capacity with efforts to improve our primary mission as the USAIS. We contribute to **delivering ready combat formations and undergoing continuous transformation** with our efforts to Transform Infantry 2030 and beyond. We strive to **strengthen the profession of arms** with our efforts to manage Infantry talent and maintain the health of the Infantry Branch. Our most basic mission has not changed. The Infantry exists to close with and destroy the enemy utilizing fire and movement to defeat or capture enemy forces or repel their assault by fire, close combat, and counterattack.

Infantry Branch Vision (USAIS)

The vision of USAIS is to educate, train, and develop Infantry Soldiers and Leaders:

- Leaders and Soldiers who thrive under conditions of uncertainty.
- Leaders and Soldiers with an unwavering commitment to the profession of arms.
- Leaders and Soldiers who are imbued with the Warrior Spirit — those possessing physical and mental toughness and the innate ability to close with and destroy the enemies of our Nation now and in the future.

Train and Develop Infantry Leaders and Soldiers

We are aligning the outcomes of our initial entry training and professional military education to focus on warfighting and building strong teams. We seek to empower the NCO Corps through professional education focused on delivering infantry and small unit excellence, as well as, providing knowledge, skills, and abilities aligned with both Large-Scale Combat Operations and the changing character of warfare on the contemporary battlefield. USAIS must synchronize efforts to integrate improvements to remote sensing, loitering munitions, and robotics into its formations ahead of our competitors, and we will revise Infantry doctrine as part of the DOTMLPF-P effort to account for both the risks and opportunities the new technology provides. Nothing is off the table as we have already incorporated UAS, anti-armor training, medium and heavy machine gun training and qualification, and integrated combat platform familiarization into Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT). We have begun several initiatives to increase the number of Ranger-qualified Soldiers and Leaders across all BCTs through the Active Component Ranger Team Leader Initiative program with OSUT, as well as incentivizing programs for service in Ranger-qualified MTOE and TDA positions. The intent of all these efforts is to better prepare Infantry Soldiers for success on day-one of their arrival to the operating force.

Transform the Infantry Force of 2030 and Beyond

USAIS and OCOI recognize our responsibility to integrate efforts across a range of stakeholders as we continuously transform to the Infantry force of 2030 and beyond. Efforts to increase Infantry capacity in ABCTs, develop the transition plan for SBCTs to the Medium BCT, and increase the lethality of IBCTs requires coordination and governance across the Army enterprise. Our focus on the Squad as a platform and our ties to the Close Combat Integration Enterprise will enable Infantry formations to incorporate advances in Human-Machine Interface, lethality, mission command, mobility, and protection to increase Warfighting capability while reducing Soldier Load. Finally, we are committed to working across force design, development, and integrators to refine the ways and means to enable remote sensing, robotics and future munitions below the brigade level while reducing our risk in the electromagnetic spectrum.

Manage Infantry Talent and the Health of the Branch

We will not forget our responsibility to manage Infantry talent and critical role the health of the Infantry Branch has for our Army. We will reinforce efforts to strengthen the profession by promoting the development and distribution of Warfighting expertise through venues such as this. I encourage Infantry Leaders to take advantage by submitting articles to both dialogue and debate across the Infantry Community. In the end, we must ensure the strength of the branch aligns with both current and future force requirements.

Our career development models provide a road map for Infantry Leaders and Soldiers to remain competitive across the Army and Joint community. We look forward to working with Commanders, Soldiers, and Infantry Branch to align Soldiers and Leaders to career enhancing and broadening opportunities throughout their careers.

In closing, I want to tell you how proud CSM Dein and I are of our Infantry team. The young men and women who arrive to Fort Moore are simply the best. They are all eager to earn their spots on the Infantry team and live up to our standards of excellence. Our cadre and instructors spend long hours providing personalized training and education across over 50 programs of instruction overseen by the Infantry School. Thank you all for your investment in our branch. More importantly, thank you and your families for your service and the many sacrifices you have made and continue to make in support of our Army and the Nation.

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