

Gunner's Seat: Noncommissioned Officer Promotions, Opportunities

The U.S. Army Armor School and I would like to congratulate all the senior leaders selected for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Command Sergeant Major Centralized Selection List (CSL). The Armor Branch had a battalion selection rate of 18 percent out of 99 considered. All 18 who were selected were slated. The brigade selection rate was also at 18 percent; out of 51 Armor senior noncommissioned officers (NCOs) considered, nine were selected and slated.

The Armor School would also like to congratulate the 195 sergeants first class selected for promotion on the FY17 master sergeant list. Armor NCOs had a selection rate of 28.8 percent, which compares favorably to the Army selection rate of 20.2 percent; out of 681 sergeants first class eligible for promotion, 195 were selected.

I want to take the opportunity to point out that the Armor community has been selecting the best and brightest operational platoon sergeants to fill the needs of the Armor Project Warrior Program, which includes a nomination from the battalion and brigade chains of command, routed through Human Resources Command, and approval from the Chief of Armor. The Project Warrior, drill sergeant, master gunner, instructor, observer/coach/trainer and recruiter selections all continue to demonstrate we are selecting the best of the best – well done!

Your dedication to excellence has culminated with your demonstrated ability to continue to lead Soldiers across our incredible Army. Leaders like yourself continue to be the reason that the Armored Force remains the tip of the spear and a pillar of excellence for many years to come. For more information on Project Warrior as well as the CSL post-board and master sergeant post-board analysis, please visit the Army Career Tracker and the Armor School homepage under the Office Chief of Armor, <http://www.benning.army.mil/Armor/OCOA/>.

Lastly, I would like to ask for your help with the advancement and promotion of our specialist population. We continue to sit below 70 percent strength in our sergeant population. All I am asking of you is to sit down and counsel those specialists, and help develop them to grow and become Armor sergeants.

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Acronym Quick-Scan

CSL – Centralized Selection List

FY – fiscal year

NCO – noncommissioned officer