

USAHEC LOOKING FOR NCOs TO GATHER SOLDIER STORIES

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Arrmy history is storied and vast. But that vast history really comes down to one thing: Soldiers telling their stories.

The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, Pa., is working to collect and preserve as many of those Soldier stories as they can, but they need help from NCOs. Though the center has more than enough veterans ready and willing to tell their tales, there aren't enough volunteer Veteran Ambassadors to sit down and record those tales.

The center's motto is "Telling the Army Story ... One Soldier at a Time," and the center has been gathering Soldier stories going all the way back to the Spanish-American War in 1898, said Karl Warner, the program and education coordinator at the center. But up until 2014, the center gathered those stories solely through surveys that they would hand out to veterans, asking them to fill them out. The surveys ran 20-30 pages.

"In our World War I section of these surveys, we have an entire face of our archival stacks full of boxes that are full of these surveys, tens of thousands of them," Warner said. "You go to World War II, and we have just as many, maybe even a little more. You get to Korea, and we only have one section of a face, so maybe only a few thousand from Korean War veterans. Then you go up to Vietnam War, and we've got only a few boxes. You get to Desert Storm and current operations, Global War on Terrorism, etc., you have even fewer than we have for Vietnam. So, we had to figure that out. What's the difference?"

Read more about the program at <http://ncojournal.dodlive.mil/2016/07/06/army-heritage-center-looking-for-ncos-to-gather-soldier-stories/>.

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A Veteran Ambassador for USAHEC does an on-camera interview with former SMA Jack L. Tilley in May in El Paso, Texas.

MCoE PUBLISHES TC 3-22.9

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The Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) and the Doctrine and Collective Training Division announce the recent publication of Training Circular (TC) 3-22.9, *Rifle and Carbine*. This new TC provides Soldiers with the critical information

for their rifle or carbine and how it functions, its capabilities, the capabilities of the optics and ammunition, and the application of the functional elements of the shot process.

The TC, which was published on 13 May 2016, replaces Field Manual 3-22.9, published in August 2008. This manual is specifically tailored to the individual Soldier's use of the M4- or M16-series weapon. It provides specific information about the weapon, aiming devices, attachments, followed by sequential chapters on the tactical employment of the weapon system.

"This manual applies to all Soldiers, regardless of experience, and is a pocket-sized reference designed specifically for the Soldier's use on the range during training, and as a reference while deployed," said Steve Krivitsky, Weapons and Gunnery branch chief.

MCoE Doctrine Chief COL Marty Barr agreed with Krivitsky.

"The packaging and content of this publication drive our intent for it to accompany Soldiers during training as a reference and not stay in the arms room as an accountable item," he said.

TC 3-22.9 is available for download from the Central Army Registry at: <https://rdl.train.army.mil/catalog-ws/view/100.ATSC/492701D5-25E9-40A7-9498-74C22831F268-1463059585416/TCx3-22.9.pdf>.

