



## **ADVANCED LEADERS COURSE**

### **CLASS 006-17**

**The Dual Profession and One Team Concept**

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**“ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT!”**

The United States Army is an ever-evolving organization that is the most efficient and prestigious Army in the world. As the organization changes throughout the years, it is imperative that the Army remains an essential element within the Department of Defense and each and every Soldier within the ranks adapts to maintain the highest standards of unity and professionalism. To accomplish this, Soldiers must become dual professionals and follow the One-Team concept. Army Doctrine Reference Publication 1 defines an Army professional as “honorable servants of the nation, Army experts, and faithful stewards of the people, other resources, and profession entrusted to our care. ADRP 1 also defines the dual profession as both a military department and a military profession. The One-Team concept of the Army is that we must all work together with the common focus to accomplish the mission and ensure the future success of our nation. It describes that no matter what component you are from whether it be active duty, reserve, national guard, or civilian, you are expected to maintain a positive relationship regardless of rank, position, branch, or military occupational specialty (MOS) in order to fight and win our nation’s wars.

As paralegals and attorneys in the Judge Advocate Generals (JAG) Corps, we are expected to always be the subject matter experts in all areas of military law. This applies whether in garrison or deployed. The legal field has a broad spectrum of intricate and specific legal services from military justice to operational law to fiscal law, and paralegals and attorneys must ensure they can move from one area to the other seamlessly. This requires consistent, relevant, and continuing education and training. As paralegals, our training includes the advanced leaders course and the senior leaders course. These branch specific technical training courses provide us with an opportunity to acquire critical skills and knowledge necessary to channel our technical expertise into broad-scope operational planning, legal service support, and legal office management aspects.

Being a military professional requires expert knowledge in four specific fields: the military technical field; the moral ethical field; the political cultural field and the leader human development field. Being an expert in the knowledge of these four fields is useless unless it is applied in all aspects of service. While applying the knowledge that you have acquired through service; and our branch specific technical training, it is crucial that competence is displayed and represented through certification. The dual profession requires Soldiers and civilians to maintain lifelong learning in order to maintain the upmost standard of professionalism in both the military department and our military profession. It is not enough to be the subject matter expert in only one of the two professions. As paralegals and attorneys, we should be subject matter experts in the court room as well as the battlefield.

I am privileged to be a part of the JAG Corps. I have seen many seniors, peers, and subordinates display the values and knowledge of being a dual professional. I have observed the Army values and the warrior's ethos while in garrison, training, and deployed. There is no other corps like the JAG Corps, we are the standard and the epitome of the dual profession and the one team concept.