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# ARMY CIO/G-6

## Message to the Force

*From the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6*

G6/CIO and Army Team....

First and foremost it truly is an honor to have been nominated and confirmed for appointment as your G6 and Chief Information Officer (CIO). I can think of no greater honor than being afforded the opportunity to continue to serve and wear the cloth of this great nation. For this opportunity, my wife Dianne and I are eternally grateful.



Many thanks to LTG (Ret) Bob Ferrell for his leadership, vision and steadfast commitment to our Soldiers, Civilians and Families over the past three years. The contributions of this team on his watch are both enduring and impactful. Also appreciate the tremendous leadership of Mr. Gary Wang as the Acting CIO/G6 during the transition.

**OUR PEOPLE:** I humbly assume this position of responsibility and trust, recognizing fully that regardless of the challenges, we are still in the "people business". One of the reasons our military (uniformed and civilian) remains the nation's most trusted profession is because of the character, competence, and enduring commitment of our workforce. I look forward to joining your ranks as our Army's principal advisors to senior military and civilian leadership on strategy, policy, force structure and investments for both Information Technology (IT) and Cyberspace Activities.

**THE ENVIRONMENT:** The current operational environment and what I'd categorize as the "confluence of strategic circumstances" (emerging threats, global instability, fiscal uncertainty, the pace of technological advances, and emerging Joint/Army doctrine) has yielded several near term challenges that we have an inherent responsibility to tackle head on.

**THE CURRENT FIGHT & PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT FIGHT:** As we take the initial steps in developing the path forward, please keep in mind that we have no more important job than synchronizing and integrating our essential functions to improve the readiness posture of the current force, in the current fight. "Fixing what we have" to increase lethality, survivability, sustainability and the ability of the total force (Active, Guard and Reserves) to "fight tonight" in the next fight, must be the intellectual underpinnings of our actions.

**MODERNIZATION:** A focused assessment of all four Network Mission Areas (warfighting, business, intelligence and enterprise), optimizing current enterprise initiatives and pivoting to a more agile, Soldier centric IT modernization strategy are vital to the future readiness and cyber security posture of our Army.

In closing, to our Signal Regiment, key joint partners and Army stakeholders--for 157 years we have been the very best in the world at what we do as the critical enablers and indispensable partners to our warfighting teammates. The much needed drumbeat for a network that meets the demands of the warfighter will no doubt continue to increase. In response, we must be united in one cause and that cause is ensuring that we remain accountable and that our collective advice and recommendations manifests themselves in the very best capabilities that this great nation has to offer. In the coming weeks, I welcome your thoughts on shaping the way ahead that produces the tangible results that our soldiers deserve. Thank you in advance for your continued service and for the indelible spirit that you exhibit each day. Army Strong!

Very Respectfully,

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