



Letters to the Editor

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NCO questions 17th Signal's professional development

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe that Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development (NCOPD) is worthwhile when classes are conducted that do not belittle an NCO. The majority of the classes I have attended may be beneficial to a junior NCO, but teaching subjects such as P.T., D and C, etc. to an E-7, or E-8 in my opinion is a waste of time.

In most of the classes the instructor is totally unprepared and the personnel he is supposed to be instructing are more knowledgeable than he or she is.

The original guidelines for NCOPD were that all personnel in the grade of E-5(P) and above would attend, and if someone failed to attend they would

receive their training on a Saturday. This has never been enforced and there are always a select few who do not attend, and their Saturdays are free. Is NCOPD optional?

A fiasco took place on April 7. There were approximately 30 NCO's standing in the rain being poorly instructed on how to conduct P.T. with the Command Sergeant Major standing off to the side coaxing the instructors as they bumbled through their class.

I realize that opinions are like the rectal part of the anatomy, everybody has one. But I believe if the 17th Signal Battalion was polled, the majority would agree with my opinion.

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