



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz talks to Soldiers at Camp Parks

The Consideration for Camp Parks to be the new home for the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, currently located at Ft. Lewis, Washington, for the Army Reserve is important... Important enough for The Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Reserve Command to visit and see for himself. However, the highlight for the Soldiers of Camp Parks was being able to meet and speak to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz about issues that were important to them.

In a meeting that lasted about an hour, Schultz emphasized the importance of professional development and the requirement for the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps to be experts at the basics. "What I want you to get from our meeting is that we as NCO's need to get back to basics." said Schultz. We need to get to know our Soldiers and mentor them on the expectations we have. Moreover he stated that Soldiers who demonstrate leadership through fitness, education, skills and deployability will naturally rise to the top because they are the best candidates for retention.

In a candid and very professional exchange, Soldiers asked questions ranging from promotions to the new physical training standards. When it comes educational requirements Schultz stated that Soldiers have the personal responsibility to keep up with Army educational requirements. "Those who don't will just be outpaced by those who do." he said.

"This was a very informative and positive town hall meeting." said Staff Sgt. Vanessa Barquero. It's rare that we get a chance to talk to The Command Sgt. Maj. of the United States Army Reserve Command and equally rare to get a snapshot of the future along with getting questions answered first hand.

The town hall meeting ended in a very upbeat note with Soldiers and NCO's getting the opportunity to personally talk to Command Sgt. Maj. Schultz

