

NCOs of 16th Sust. Bde. receive professional development training

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As part of the Year of The NCO, the rear detachment of the 16th Sustainment Brigade conducted Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development training at the Grafenwoehr Field House March 26.

The theme of the training was what it means to be an NCO: past, present and future. More than 250 NCOs attended the training, which featured three guest speakers. Master Sgt. Vincent Noble, the rear detachment sergeant major for the 16th Sust. Bde., spoke during the training event as did Sgt. Major Elizabeth Jones, the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's career counselor, and Master Sgt. Sean Kelly, the rear detachment sergeant major for the 16th Special Troops Battalion.

Jones spoke about the importance of retention and retention policies along with the latest Selective Reenlistment Bonuses for Soldiers who are in their window of reenlistment. Kelly discussed the basic mission of the NCO Corps and how important it is to study and learn from history and pass it on to future leaders. He also discussed how the NCO Creed is more than a collection of words, covering each paragraph and highlighting what an NCO should be and how an NCO should live every day.

"This NCOPD was the right topic as a baseline to kick our mentoring off," said Kelly. "From here we can work our way further into our mentoring and esprit de corps within our ranks. Of course it was only a baseline, and future reinforcement and revisitation is the only way that we can be sure that it can effectively sink in and be applied."

The NCOPD is a tradition among the NCO corps. NCOPD is a way we pass on knowledge and a way to professionally develop junior NCOs. Numerous events are planned for the 16th Sust. Bde. during the Year of the NCO, and the NCOPD was just a small part of that.



Noncommissioned officers from the 16th Sustainment Brigade rear detachment conducted Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development training at the Grafenwoehr Field House March 26. (U.S. Army Photo)