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I want to start off by saying I am proud to have been the 50th Chief of the Field Artillery and Commandant of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School.

As I depart for Fort Stewart, Ga., I will be looking back at Fort Sill, Okla., with admiration. I am also confident that all the initiatives that have gained momentum in the past six months will continue on the same glide path with the new Chief of the Field Artillery and Commandant of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School. These initiatives include advances in precision fires, frequency and accuracy standards for target location error, fire support coordination at the Corps and Division level with the re-introduction of the Field Artillery Brigade and Division Artillery, leader development, and modernized institutional training in all career fields.

All these endeavors tie into the Field Artillery's vision to create the nation's premier Fires Force; organized, equipped, and trained to employ and deliver Joint and Combined Arms Fires.

While these initiatives continue to gain traction, I remind everyone that we must continue to embrace a shift in culture, i.e. our philosophy, values, behavior, and thought processes, in particular with the 80-10-10 targeting standard.

The 80-10-10 targeting standard, or a "Grid Getter Standard" is a precision mindset in which Forward Observers and Fire Support Teams achieve the Joint CAT 1 (<6M TLE) targeting standards 80 percent of the time.

The remaining standards of 10 percent are defined as follows: "near precision" targeting is conducted 10 percent of the time, while "degraded targeting conditions" should be conducted only under extreme conditions.

This 80-10-10 ratio defines for us as professional Artillerymen the term Accurate in the First Requirement for Accurate Fires. It also defines for us, as a profession of arms, how we train, certify and deliver accurate target locations in support of Strategic, Operational and Tactical Fires.

We also must continue to focusing on implementation of our DIVARTYs. The DIVARTY is a proven force design, and will continue to provide modernized relevance through focused implementation of emerging Fires technologies and expert integration of Joint and Combined Fires.

The reality is that the DIVARTY must provide operational-level Fires and better trained fires formations BY, WITH, and THROUGH the Brigade Combat Team and the Modular Force. As an additional closing note, I also want to acknowledge the incredible efforts by all our Field Artillery units, both active and National Guard.

Our units are deployed throughout the world in support of a variety of operations from the Pacific Rim to Southwest Asia.

I want my last words as Chief and Commandant to be "thank you."

King of Battle!
Fires Strong!
BG Chris F. Bentley