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Pathways to Becoming a Transformational Leader

The Army demands leaders who can not only achieve mission success but also inspire, develop, and transform their teams. Transformational leadership, grounded in Army doctrine, focuses on fostering an environment where individuals reach their highest potential and contribute to the mission with commitment and innovation. My expectations are to utilize the following tenants for developing Transformational Leaders:

Build Trust and Foster Shared Understanding (ADP 6-22)

Central to transformational leadership is the establishment of trust and a shared purpose. Effective leaders demonstrate integrity, uphold Army Values, and create a climate of trust. This environment allows subordinates to express ideas, collaborate openly, and contribute with confidence.

Lead with Vision and Purpose (ADP 6-0)

Transformational leaders must articulate a compelling vision that aligns with Army goals and mission objectives. Leaders should communicate intent clearly, empowering subordinates to act with initiative and creativity.

Adapt and Embrace Change (ADP 7-0)

The nature of our mission requires leaders to be adaptable and resilient. Transformational leaders are proactive in seeking new approaches, valuing innovation, and empowering their teams to think critically.

Develop and Mentor Subordinates (FM 6-22)

Leader development is at the heart of transformation. A transformational leader prioritizes their team's personal and professional development, ensuring that each Soldier and Civilian is equipped with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to tackle current and future challenges. This focus on growth fosters an environment where team members strive for continual improvement and innovation.

Inspire Motivation and Foster a Positive Culture (ADP 6-22)

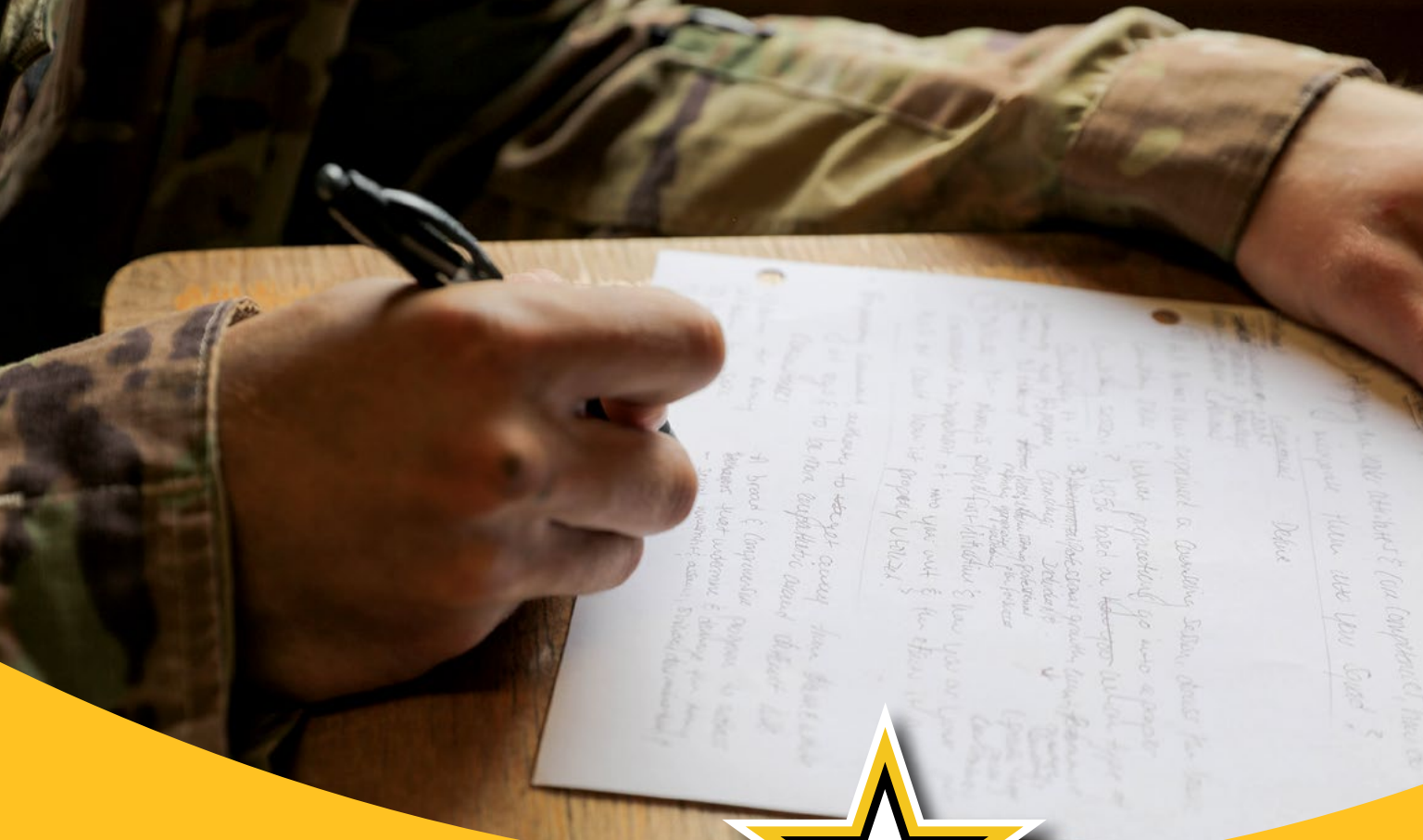
Leaders should inspire and motivate others by setting high standards and maintaining a positive attitude. Transformational leaders show genuine passion for their work and convey this enthusiasm to their teams. Recognizing and celebrating successes, whether big or small, helps build a culture of motivation and shared pride.

Demonstrate Empathy and Understand Your Team (FM 6-22)

Empathy is a crucial quality in transformational leadership. Understanding and addressing the needs, concerns, and aspirations of subordinates leads to stronger bonds and improved morale. By demonstrating empathy, leaders show that they value their Soldiers not just as members of a team, but as individuals.

Transformational leadership is not merely a leadership style but a comprehensive approach to fostering an environment where Soldiers and Civilians are inspired, motivated, and empowered to excel. Through unwavering commitment to warfighting proficiency and readiness, we will uphold the integrity of our institution and enhance the lethality of our force, ensuring the Army remains a dominant force on the battlefield.

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