

NCOs Raised Many Concerns with Dailey at NCO Solarium II

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The NCO Solarium II was Nov. 17-20 at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The solarium, led by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, is part of an Army chief of staff initiative to inform and shape the future direction of the U.S. Army. November's event brought together 60 sergeants first class and master sergeants to address topics that Dailey had identified and to provide recommendations to Dailey with "unfiltered feedback." Dailey spoke about the challenge of nondeployable Soldiers and heard some concerns about uniform changes. But the NCOs' concerns were wide-ranging, and many of them were related to Soldiers' online activity. Here are some of the other topics that came up during the Solarium.

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Brown, commander of the Combined Arms Center, told the NCOs in attendance, "We wanted your unadulterated ideas. We didn't want to influence you with our ideas and things we're already working on. Some of you came up with solutions we're already working on. That validated and reinforced what we're doing." Other ideas, he said, were fresh and from a different perspective. All ideas will be considered and taken seriously.