

Platoon Sergeant Skill Level 4 (SFC)

The position of Platoon Sergeant is considered key in the command structure of the Army. The Platoon Sergeant is the key assistant and advisor to the Platoon Leader. The position is unique due to the Platoon Sergeant must be ready to assume the responsibilities and takes command for the Platoon Leader – an officer. The Platoon Sergeant assists the commander to train the Platoon Leader and in that regard has an enormous effect on how that young officer perceives NCOs for the remainder of the career. As the lowest level senior NCO involved in the company Mission Essential Task List (METL), Platoon Sergeants teach collective and individual tasks to Soldiers in their squads, crews or equivalent small units. Utilizing tough, realistic and intellectually and physically challenging performance-oriented training to excite and motivate Soldiers, the Platoon Sergeant ensures Army standards are met and maintained; additionally, must conduct cross training to promote critical wartime skills within the unit, evaluate the effectiveness of the platoon and provide training feedback to the commander and First Sergeant during After-Action Reviews (AAR) on all unit collective training. Responsible for the morale, health, and training of the platoon; responsible for the maintenance, accountability, and effective utilization of all assigned and individual equipment; counsels, disciplines, and develops Soldiers and NCOs into competent leaders; maintains the highest state of combat readiness regardless of conditions and personnel changes.

See FM 7-22.7 and DA Pam 600-25 for additional information.