Spring 2025 Continuity

Job Title: A5 Commander

Immediate Chain:

- → Wing Commander
- → Chief of Staff
- $\rightarrow A5$

Area of Responsibility:

- In charge of making weekly OPORDs, which include planning for LLAB and FTP LLAB along with PT.
- Oversee LLABs and PTs
- Make sure both LLAB and PT commanders have what they need to be successful in their job.
- Being the bridge between Command Staff and the commanders of PT and LLAB and setting a line of communication.

Weekly Flow:

- OPORDs were set to be due two weeks prior to the week they were for (ex: week three OPORDs would be due week one)
 - Along with this I would set deadlines with my team to get the timeline and plan for LLABs and PT three days before OPORDs were due.
- The taskers are the same every week however, the amount of work can vary when completing these due to the fact of constant changes being made to inclement weather or

changes the Command Staff or CADRE are making.

Struggles I Experienced:

- 1. Lack of communication to me as the Commander of A5. At the beginning and towards the middle of the semester I was always the last to know if something was being changed and that would throw me under the bus as it looked like I didn't know what I was doing.
- 2. This semester compared to any other semester was difficult in regards to constant inclement weather situations which made a lot of PTs move to the rec along with LLAB plans getting pushed and having to make improvised plans days or hours before.
- 3. Constant changes in plans regarding LLAB. Last minute notification if a Special Guest was coming, or last minute changes made to LLAB that were sent down by CADRE.

How Did I Address the Struggles?

- 1. I had a talk with C/Silva (Chief of Staff) to go over that it's good that there is a line of communication with my team especially since truly they need to know first but I also stated that I need to know right after them so I can make sure my team is getting it done and that way I can be in the loop.
- 2. This problem there isn't really anything to do but just to be prepared to face adversity in the job. Always have a backup plan for LLAB and PT. For PT always have a workout plan for inside the REC and for LLAB try to make a plan that will go along the same SOBs set for that week.
- 3. Same thing as before not much to do to prepare for this in the sense that you have no idea these changes or additions are going to be made so just be adaptable to change and get the work done as soon as possible.

Advice:

- Always have a back plan in place. If next semester is anything like this, changes are constantly going to be made and inclement weather will happen so it's always better to be prepared to get the job done.
- Always be available to your team, as the commander of A5 you need to make sure everything is running smoothly and you can't do that if you are not available.
- Do not procrastinate on the OPORDs, get them done as soon as possible, they only take at most an hour to complete. As well as have someone proofread it for mistakes like spelling or just simple typos that may have happened.
- This job is stressful but you have the power to not let it consume you, delegate to your team and be prepared for anything. If you can do that everything will run fine. Don't get me wrong adversity will hit but with you being prepared for it won't hit as hard.

Resources/Links:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BmI7Zq648xzvsXaJKPcaaGaU-E M_5gdA_ (This link contains all of the OPORDs for Spring 2025. The rest of the links and folder regarding LLAB and PT will be in their respective continuity document.

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