



MQA-11

Army Staff/Brigade Tour

PREREQUISITES: MQA-9, 10

REQUIRED READING: Brigade TACSOP, ALO Smart Book

PURPOSE: Familiarize new ALO with Army staff functions and provide a tour of the brigade

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OVERVIEW



- ◆ BRIGADE COMMANDER
- ◆ EXECUTIVE OFFICER (XO)
- ◆ COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (CSM)
- ◆ PERSONNEL OFFICER (S-1)
- ◆ INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (S-2)
- ◆ OPERATIONS OFFICER (S-3)
- ◆ LOGISTICS OFFICER (S-4)
- ◆ SIGNAL OFFICER (S-6)



OVERVIEW



- ◆ FIRE SUPPORT OFFICER (FSO)
- ◆ FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATOR (FSCOORD)
- ◆ AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY COMMANDER (ADA)
- ◆ HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT (HHC) COMMANDER
- ◆ AVIATION LIAISON OFFICER (LNO)
- ◆ ENGINEER OFFICER (ABE)
- ◆ COLT PLATOON LEADER



BRIGADE COMMANDER



- ◆ Man In Charge
- ◆ Relies Primarily on FSCOORD, Engineer Commander, XO, and ALO for Guidance
- ◆ ALO Works **With Not For** the Brigade Commander
- ◆ Must inform Brigade Commander on Best use of CAS



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



- ◆ CC's Principal Assistant for Directing, Coordinating, Supervising, and Training the Staff
- ◆ Delegated Executive Management Authority
- ◆ Passes Pertinent Data, Information, and In-sight From the Staff to and From CC
- ◆ Near-identical Battlefield Vision of Operations, Events, and Requirements to That of CC
- ◆ XO Runs the TOC During Battles
- ◆ XO in Charge of CAS Targeting Cell



CSM



- ◆ Member of CC's Personal Staff (Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Command)
- ◆ Responsible for Providing CC With Personal, Professional, and Technical Advice on Enlisted Matters
- ◆ Duties and Responsibilities Vary According to the Commander's Specific Desires and the Unit's Type, Size, and Mission
- ◆ Last Resort With Enlisted Problems



S1



- ◆ **Principal Staff Officer for All Matters Concerning Human Resources (Military and Civilian)**
 - ◆ Personnel Readiness, Personnel Services, HQ Mgmt
 - ◆ A Personnel Officer Located at Every Echelon From Battalion Through Corps
 - ◆ POC for Air Force Personnel Movement To and From a Deployment



S2



- ◆ Principal Staff Officer for Military Intelligence, Counterintelligence, and Security Operations
- ◆ Gives Inputs As to Enemy Movement, Size, and Tactics
- ◆ Translates Events Into Time For the ALO
- ◆ Translates Division OPORD Into Understandable Language for the ALO
- ◆ Gives Insight Into the Next Battle Plan



S3



- ◆ Principal Staff Officer for Training, Operations and Plans, and Force Development and Modernization
- ◆ S3 Air
 - ◆ Fills Out DD Form 1972
 - ◆ Controls Brigade Airspace
 - ◆ Retrieves ATO/ITO and SPINS From Division
- ◆ S3 Plans
 - ◆ Develops Orders
 - ◆ Give S3 Plans CAS Annex



S4



- ◆ Principal Staff Officer for Logistics Integration of Supply, Maintenance, Transportation, and Services for the Command
- ◆ Assists Support Unit Commander in Maintaining Logistics Visibility With the CC and Rest of Staff
- ◆ At Brigade and Battalion Levels, the S4 Not Only Coordinates Activities but Also Executes Requirements for the Commander and Unit
- ◆ Controls Air Force Vehicle Movement During Deployments
- ◆ Gets Supplies For ALO



S6



- ◆ Principal staff officer for signal operations, automation management, network management, and information security
- ◆ Orders Batteries For ALO
- ◆ Connects TACLAN
- ◆ Connects Phones
- ◆ Give COMSEC Fills



FSO



- ◆ Primary Individual In the TOC for Coordinating Artillery
- ◆ ALO and FSO Must Work Together for Massing Fires
- ◆ Teach FSO ORD-X
- ◆ Teach FSO Timing, Execution, and Airspace
- ◆ Explain to FSO Capabilities and Limitations of CAS



FSCOORD



- ◆ Coordinates Fire Support and Field Artillery Assets and Operations in the Command
- ◆ Commander of a Field Artillery Unit Supporting the Force
- ◆ At Brigade, Regiment, and Below, the FSCOORD's Representative Is the FSO
- ◆ FSCOORD Must Be Briefed on All CAS Capabilities and Limitations
- ◆ FSCOORD and ALO Must Be On the Same Page for Successful Execution



ADA OFFICER



- ◆ Coordinates planning and employment of air defense artillery systems and operations
- ◆ Senior air defense artillery officer in the command
- ◆ Must know from ALO
 - ◆ When Aircraft Are inbound
 - ◆ Their Squawk
 - ◆ Their Route of Flight
 - ◆ Time in AO
 - ◆ Anytime There are Changes to A/C



HHC COMMANDER AND FIRST SERGEANT



- ◆ Responsible for OPCON over soldiers
- ◆ Brigade Commanders Pawn to Fix Air Force Vehicles
- ◆ Needs 5988's Daily When in the Field



LNO



- ◆ Coordinates Army aviation assets and operations
- ◆ Coordinates A/C for ETAC Insertion (**NOT RECOMMENDED TO INSERT ETACS!**)
- ◆ Coordinates JAAT
- ◆ Brigade Runner at Times
 - ◆ Takes 1972's to Division
 - ◆ Picks Up ATO/ITO and SPINS From Division for S3 Air



ABE



- ◆ Engineer in the TOC
- ◆ Determines Terrain Characteristics
- ◆ Determines Obstacle Placement
- ◆ ABE Obstacles Mean Good CAS Targets
- ◆ CAS Can “Fill the GAP” for Missing Obstacles
- ◆ Terra Base for ALO
- ◆ Route “Fly Through” For ETACs



COLT PLATOON LEADER



- ◆ Works for FSO and FSCOORD
- ◆ Observes Artillery Fires and Adjust Them
- ◆ Can Control CAS
 - ◆ Must Instruct Them on CAS Control
 - ◆ Go on CAS TDYs
 - ◆ Can Laze Targets
- ◆ Deepest Eyes the Brigade Has



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QUESTIONS

