

MQA-11 DIV: DIVISION TOUR / STAFF TOUR AND EXPLANATION

PREREQUISITES: MQA-10

REQUIRED READING: Brigade TACSOP, ALO Smart Book

PURPOSE: Familiarize new ALO with understanding of the Division building set-up and an explanation of the staff positions.

Introduction

The Squadron Commander (Division ALO) and Division Planner work in various ways to integrate the ASOS into Division operations and exercises. These individuals have little interface with many of the Division agencies but work closely with others to improve this integration. An overview of the Division staff agencies will follow with a brief overview of the various staff principals and how staff ALOs work with these agencies to accomplish the TACP mission.

Staff Overview

Commander

The Division Commander (normally addressed as the Commanding General or CG) commands the entire Division and is normally a two-star General. Normal interface between the CG and the division ALO/Planner is minimal but usually begins with a short conference as a new CG takes command. The Division ALO provides an overview of the ASOS organization and how various TACP echelons support the Division, Brigade and Battalion. In most Divisions, the Division ALO attends briefings associated with major Division exercises and deployments (when other Division primary staff agencies are present) or when the CG's attention is needed regarding significant issues (squadron facilities or other support specified in the Interservice Support Agreement).

ADC (M)

The Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver (usually a one-star General) is the CG's representative for tactical movements of the Division's forces and. He commands the Division's tactical command post (DTAC) in all Division exercises or deployments. During day-to-day, in garrison situations, there is little contact between the Division ALOs and the ADC (M). During exercises/deployments one of the more senior ASOS ALOs will manage the TACP at the DTAC.

ADC (S)

The Assistant Division Commander for Support (usually a one-star General) manages overall support of the Division's forces. Working in conjunction with the DISCOM commander, the ADC (S) ensures resources and adequate support is in place to provide logistical to the entire Division. Very little interface occurs between Division ALOs unless the TACP's vehicles mission capable rates are below proper levels (90% as required by the ISSA and ACC standards). The ADC (S) commands the Rear Command post during exercises and deployments.

Division Sergeant Major

The Division Sergeant Major oversees all issues involving the enlisted ranks. Little, if any interface occurs between the staff ALOs and the Sergeant Major.

G-1

Division G-1 manages all Army personnel issues involving manning levels, testing and promotions. No interface occurs between the Division ALO/Planner and the G-1 at the Division level.

G-2

Overall Division Intelligence support is conducted by the G-2. Intelligence data from Division-level assets (UAV, etc.) as well as from national assets (JSTARS, EC-135s, U-2s, etc.) can be obtained through G-2 channels. Most interaction between Division-level ALOs and G-2 occur during actual deployments and Corps/Division level exercises to obtain enemy threat information relating to CAS application.

G-3

The Division ALO and Planner has more interaction with the Division Operations, G-3, when compared to other Division staff agencies. The Division ALO/Planner have considerable interface with several offices within the G-3 complex. Primarily, the Division Planner works hand in hand with G-3 Plans, either developing particular annexes to OPORDs relating to major Division exercises or real-world deployments or OPLANs. As expected, this planning primarily involves coordination with the DFSCoord in application of projected CAS distribution and SEAD planning.

Additionally, the Division ALOs coordinate with G-3 Exercises as well as Training to integrate ASOS involvement with Division exercises or Brigade preparation exercises for National Training Center rotations at Ft Irvin, California.

G-4

G-4 manages the Division's maintenance function. The Division ALO/Planner has little interface with the G-4 except for maintenance of the ASOS's vehicle fleet. Most ASOSs develop a MOA with their Division in order to maintain squadron vehicles within supporting Army motorpools (ordering necessary parts and performing the majority of routine maintenance) within guidelines specified in the Air Force/Army ISSA.

G-5

The G-5 oversees Civil Affairs, including public affairs issues. Division ALOs have little interface with the G-5 or his/her staff unless the squadron has contact with local media.

G-6

The G-6 manages the communications within the Division. Management includes telephone maintenance, email accounts and TACAN (internal email system for exercises/deployments). When ASOS laptops are used in local exercises/deployments, the G-6 can configure these in order to Write what this job does, his title, how can he help us and what can we do for him. Be specific on what a Division Planner or Squadron CC needs to know to do this job and interact with this position.

DFSCoord

The DFSCoord is the deputy to the Divarty Commander and interacts with Division-level ALOs more than other staff members in the Division. Coordination with the DFSCoord is necessary during OPOrd development during exercises and real-world deployments/fire support plans. Typically, the DFSCoord views CAS/AI as an efficient extension of other fire support resources, and he/she will value what you bring to the fight. There is considerable coordination with the DFSCoord in development of Division fires and SEAD plans for survivability of aircraft.

ADADO

Air Defense Artillery is the focal point for air defense capability in the Division. He is usually a Major who coordinates air defense issues/capabilities for all Division exercises and deployments. The only contact Division ALOs will have with the ADA is some coordination with air routes over Division sector (ACAs, MRRs, etc).

HHC Commander

The Headquarters Commander, usually a Captain, coordinates physical necessities for the Division Headquarters and staff. The only interface between him and Division ALOs is when it is necessary for equipment needs (items not issued by Air Force channels or CIF (flak vests, etc) for Division TACP personnel.

Engineers

The Division Engineer manages all engineering support for the Division. This includes all efforts in mine clearing, river bridging and physical movement of the Division in exercises and deployments. There will be no interaction between the Division Engineer and the Division ALOs.

Chemo

This staff oversees all chemical defense issues in the Division, including chemical masks/suits and develops preparation for the Division's exposure to WMD exposure. He has very little interaction with Division level ALOs.