

A Commander's Day

Audience: CGO & Junior Enlisted Group Size: N/A

Purpose

Provide an opportunity for CGOs and Junior Enlisted to spend time with senior leadership during the duty day.

Description

Wing/Group/Squadron commanders select junior Airmen to shadow him/her for a time period. Recommend a am/pm shift. The day should be well planned ahead of time in order to provide a breadth of experience for the Airmen yet engineered to show a typical, not exaggerated day.

Execution

The goal of Commander for a Day is to give junior officer and enlisted personnel a chance to experience a typical commander's day. This gives them insight into what it takes to command. Additionally, it can be a mentoring springboard for those inspiring to serve in leadership positions.

From this experience, Airmen walk away with a better understanding of what challenges senior leaders face daily while trying to balance mission requirements and the needs of personnel.

This initiative could be used at the wing, group, squadron, or staff level. If using different levels of command, consider tiering based on the Airmen's experience level. For example, consider a junior enlisted member to shadow a squadron commander and a non-commissioned and/or company grade officer for the group or wing level commander. Another variant could include spouses or civic leaders (Honorary Commanders) participation.

This program could run on a quarterly basis and commanders determine its frequency, but the event needs to be limited to ensure the event is viewed as unique and special. You may consider having quarterly award winners or other highly motivated personnel as candidates for this endeavor. Recommend hosting the junior Airmen the same day in which meetings that reach across multiple organizations are

References

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