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UAS CONTINUATION TRAINING

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Unmanned technology is transforming the battlefield and will continue to do so in future conflicts across all domains for the foreseeable future. As a result, Soldiers employing and encountering these systems must adapt to diverse scenarios. We are seeing an unprecedented need for the Army to rapidly field new technologies and modernize our existing capabilities to keep pace with our adversaries. Senior Army leaders have made some tough decisions to enable and generate the innovations needed to meet these transformational demands. This has created temporary gaps in some of our current capabilities as we shift policy and doctrine to enable transformation in contact. Leaders should acknowledge this gap and seek opportunities to prepare personnel for the future of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

Constantly evolving autonomy and artificial intelligence is creating dynamic operating environments, requiring warfighters to quickly adapt. UAS and the Soldiers that operate them have a critical role to play in shaping how we fight with and defend against these technologies. UAS will be utilized across all warfighting functions with multiple military disciplines seeking to leverage unmanned aircraft to meet mission requirements and to extend operational reach. This state of change not only affects our acquisition strategies and processes but requires changes in how we operate and train within units.

Tactical UAS personnel will have a critical role in aiding their units with development of programs as well as the tactics, techniques, and procedures necessary to effectively integrate UAS and counter UAS systems. As we transition to new strategies, concepts, and solutions, leaders should continue to implement training programs designed to prevent atrophy of the skills our UAS personnel possess while striving to develop new ones. It will be essential that we continue to train and qualify Instructor Operators to ensure we remain ready to receive Future Tactical UAS (FTUAS). Enhancing proficiency at warrior tasks and drills for our UAS Soldiers and improving their ability to integrate into battle staffs are all necessary, and needed on the modern and future battlefields. Developing well rounded and robust UAS personnel able to integrate small UAS into platoons as well as integrate larger platforms into brigade operations must be the goal.

As we continue to prepare formations for large scale combat operations, leaders must strive to exercise innovative concepts that utilize UAS capabilities whenever possible. We must share lessons learned as we identify issues and challenges, working towards understanding employment considerations, communication, survivability, and operating in denied environments with these systems. Doing so will maintain Tactical UAS operator relevance and ease the burden of adopting and adapting to the material solutions that will be continually fielded as unmanned systems continue to transform modern warfare.

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