



TACLET SOUTH COMMAND PHILOSOPHY

Honor our History. TACLET history is rich and well defined. If you do not fully understand where the program has evolved from, take the time to learn about it as the lessons of the past will help guide your decisions in the future. Hundreds of superb men and Women have walked before you in these official duties at great sacrifice to self to shape our mission, our community and our legacy to what we have today. You will **EARN** the right to join the ranks of those that have gone before us by meeting expectations set forth and by doing your part in making a difference. Make no mistake about it, the future of our Community rests in your every actions (on and off duty), through your commitment to service, and through your dedication to your Shipmates.

Be mindful of the importance of Proficiency, Competency and Confidence. Initial qualifications are just the beginning think nothing less. Meet qualification and re-qualification expectations every time as this is your job and your team depends upon you being "**in the green**" with your quals **EVERY SINGLE DAY**. Although there are limited circumstances where gaining qualifications and/or maintaining qualifications will not be possible due to situations beyond your control, do not use that as a crutch. Maximize your qualifications, be thirsty for "**opportunities**" in whatever form they may take and build yourself into a well-rounded Teammate no matter what role you have here at the unit. Qualify, re-qualify, find a niche, perfect at least one skill where you add value to your Team/Department then repeat. Focus on "**being part of the solution rather than part of the problem**".

Own your Responsibilities. Senior Leadership, Doctrine and Instructions can only go so far as to guide you in managing expectations for your daily efforts. **You** must establish short and long term goals for yourself to ensure you measure up to expectations. Early and continuous communication is key in establishing benchmarks and for keeping those you are accountable to on track with what your plans and requirements are. This not only includes your official duties and responsibilities but also your professional responsibilities (i.e. promotion, advanced education, etc.) and more importantly your personal responsibilities with your loved ones and dependents. Operational readiness and proficiency is why we are all here but the demands on this side of your efforts should not lead to you to abandon those personal and professional obligations in any way.

One Team, One Fight! Strive to become a true "Quiet Professional" whose actions are depended upon and continuous operational readiness becomes the bench mark of your service at this Unit. Externally speaking, TACLET South is just one critical piece in the overall National Strategy so respect that fact - we depend on other Agencies and Arms of the service to do our jobs. Internal to the Unit, remember that each LEDET and Department has a responsibility to ensure the "TACLET South Wheel" continues to turn so we can get where we are headed in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Command, Operators, Staff Element and GS Employees all play a crucial role in the success of the Unit. If there is a crack anywhere in that cohesive bond, we've lost the battle and we will not achieve what we are here to do... This all goes back to the Core Values of our Service - **HONOR, RESPECT and DEVOTION to DUTY.**

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