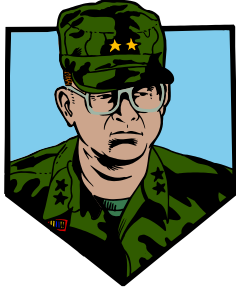


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The purpose of this newsletter is to help you develop your potential, improve your effectiveness and be the best part-time Army Officer you can be. My goal is to provide helpful training tips, insights, articles, interviews and other practical information. My ultimate goal is to provide value.

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What You Will Learn as a Battalion Staff Officer – Advice for Future Company Commanders

Prior to taking company command, you should spend one to two years serving as a Battalion Staff Officer (BSO). As a staff officer, you will learn how a battalion functions. More importantly, you will learn how "companies" operate within the battalion. Let's just call it, the "big picture."

You could serve as a S1 (Adjutant), S2 (Intel), S4 (Logistics), S6 (Signal) or Assistant S3. Typically, S3 positions are reserved for Majors or Captains

who have already commanded. However, there are sometimes exceptions to this rule.

As a BSO, you will coordinate, plan and resource with the Brigade, Battalion and companies. You will ensure companies are in compliance with Battalion objectives and ensure the Battalion is in compliance with Brigade objectives. In addition, you will ensure the companies are staffed and resourced to complete their missions.

Ultimately, you should spend somewhere between 12-24 months on staff. This will give you sufficient exposure at the battalion level. At a minimum, you will develop a better understanding of how your company helps the battalion achieve its objectives.

When your staff time is finished, if possible, you should try to get a command position within the same battalion. The reason you will want to do this is you will have a complex understanding of how your battalion operates. You will also have a decent working relationship with your peers and fellow company commanders.

Staff Officers generally don't get very much credit. Overall, staff officers are a dime-a-dozen, but a great one is a rare breed. As a military officer, you will spend most of your career on staff. If you have a successful 20-year career, you will spend about 4-6 years in command and the other 14-16 on staff.

And remember, the position doesn't make the person, the person makes the position. Whatever you are, be great at it!

To learn more about what you can expect to learn as a battalion staff officer, visit our website at http://www.part-time-commander.com/army-battalion-staff-officer_34.html. Charles Holmes is a former company commander.

Recommended Book of the Week

Taking the Guidon by Nate Allen and Tony Burgess

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About Charles Holmes

I am a part-time Army Officer in the Army National Guard. I'm currently a Major (unless they demoted me). I love to write, teach, train and motivate. Unfortunately, I don't always get to do that as much as I'd like to. That's why I created this newsletter.

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