

HS Intro to Public Services

Tuesday, April 14, 2020



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Overall Lesson: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Public Services sector

Sub lesson for <u>Tuesday, April 14</u>: Importance of Chain of Command & Life in the Navy in the time of pandemic

Learning Target:

Students will understand what "Chain of Command" means, and identify the direct impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on deployments



Opening Exercise

- Read this article on chain of command in the military.

Now, consider this question:
 Do you feel like there would ever be a reason to break the chain of command? Why or why not?



Activity #1

- Read one of these two articles (<u>article 1</u> or <u>article 2</u>), then answer the questions on your own paper or a Google Doc:
 - 1) Why did the Secretary of the Navy say he felt he had to remove the captain?
 - 2) Why are some opposing the captain's removal?
- Now read <u>this</u> article, and watch at least one of the embedded videos. Then, answer the following question:
 - 3) After reading the Sec. of the Navy's reasoning and seeing the reaction of the ship's sailors, do you believe the Secretary made the right decision? Why/why not?
- Finally, read this article and answer the question below:
 - 4) Do you believe the Sec. of the Navy should have resigned? Why/why not?



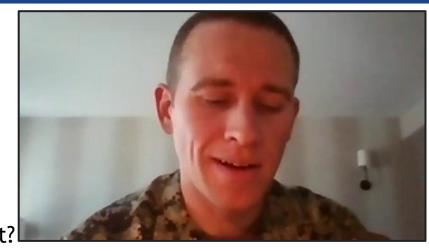
Activity #1 - ANSWERS

- 1) Why did the Secretary of the Navy say he felt he had to remove the captain? He says the captain broke the chain of command, communicated via "non-secure" channels, misrepresented what was going on
- 2) Why are some opposing the captain's removal? It won't solve the problem on the ship, it could keep other commanders from speaking up about issues
- 3) After reading the Sec. of the Navy's reasoning and seeing the reaction of the ship's sailors, do you believe the Secretary made the right decision? Why/why not? Answers will vary, but should be well thought out & a couple sentences long
- 4) Do you believe the Sec. of the Navy should have resigned? Why/why not? Answers will vary, but should be well thought out & a couple sentences long



Activity #2

- Watch the following interview
 with Lt. Andrew Sweeney, U.S. Navy:
- Then, answer the following questions on your own paper or Google Doc:
 - 1) How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected Lt. Sweeney's next assignment?
 - 2) Describe Lt. Sweeney's path (*jobs not ranks*) to the career he has now.
 - Were you surprised to hear what Lt. Sweeney's next assignment will have him doing? Meaning, did you realize an aircraft carrier would need a meteorologist on board? Then, think of the job you want to do in your future. Do a quick Google search to see if that job is available in the Navy.





Activity #2 - ANSWERS

- Watch the interview with Lt. Andrew Sweeney, U.S. Navy, then, answer the following questions on your own paper or Google Doc:
 - 1) How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected Lt. Sweeney's next assignment? *It's delayed his deployment with an aircraft carrier*.
 - 2) Describe Lt. Sweeney's path (jobs not ranks) to the career he has now. Originally, a TV meteorologist (did weather forecasts on TV). Joined Navy as Surface Warfare Officer (drove Destroyer, led sailors). Now, a Meteorology & Oceanography (METOC) Officer (will give detailed weather information to inform commanders about flying conditions, etc.).
 - Were you surprised to hear what Lt. Sweeney's next assignment will have him doing? Meaning, did you realize an aircraft carrier would need a meteorologist on board? Then, think of the job you want to do in your future. Do a quick Google search to see if that job is available in the Navy. Answers will vary, but should answer the "were you surprised..." question as well as include the student's future job & if that job is available in the Navy.



Additional Resources/Information

- Navy Live - COVID-19 U.S. Navy Response

- Coronavirus Disease 2019, Navy NW Region Updates