Welcome to the second edition of The Leading Edge, the newsletter focused on the development of flight-level leadership across the force. Last month, we introduced this newsletter as a bridge between flight-level leadership expertise at Air University and course directors, lesson managers, and individual leaders in the field. Your response has been outstanding! Thank you for engaging in our Flight Commander’s Edge community and sharing your successes, educating today’s Airmen and Space Professionals.

This edition focuses on force development and provides some ideas for balancing needs of the force and the individual.

If you have suggestions for future topics, or resources that you would like to see distributed across the force, contact us via the community.

**What are your Success Stories?**

*Share them in our Online Community!*

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**Questions to Consider**

Who is responsible for force development? Ask these questions of yourself and your flight members.

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**What is force development?**

Force development leverages education, training, and experience to establish through the process of training, education, and experience.

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**What purpose does force development serve?**

Force development creates opportunities.

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**How does force development impact mission success?**

Think of force development as a way to improve the personal leadership experiences exposed you to the skills you needed to be a flight-level producer.

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**How do we continue to grow Airmen?**

All team members should understand the force development construct.

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**Developing Others**

Tactical-level education and training should take into account the relative development needs of your flight members. The Air Force produces leaders.

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**Tactical-level education**

Allocate your training dollars to the mission you support.

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**Tactical-level training**

At least 50% of your training dollars should be allocated to the mission you support.

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**Tactical-level education and training**

Ensure your training dollars are allocated to the mission you support.

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**What is the role of the flight commander?**

The flight commander’s role is to ensure that you are creating a leader.

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**Who is responsible for force development?**

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