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COHORT 7 TEAM: "NOTHING IS IM-PASTA-BOWL"

ACE training needs in the strategic competition environment

we championed MOTAR (AR training for maintenance and logistics personnel) and similar flexible online instructional options that save money and ensure Airmen will receive necessary multi-capable Airmen training.



Personal AHA Moment:

The "Yes, and..." lesson was my favorite. While coaching in Germany, the vibe of the participants completely changed when we swapped from "yes, but..." statements to "yes, and!" This led to an environment of psychological safety, incorporation of everyone's ideas, and free-flowing ideas.

How do you use the skills learned in Project Mercury today?

These tools, specifically the empowerment of diverse teams, are used on a daily basis in successful organizations. **I incorporate these ideas into my lectures at the Air Force Academy and have also included these techniques in a lesson for the Engineering Department.**

Dream Job:

Are you kidding?! **I have my dream job already!**

Team AHA Moment:

A collective AHA was that Project Mercury is not simply a way to earn a certificate, but rather **an education introducing proven tools that all personnel can use to make actual, real-world improvements through innovation.**

What's Next After Project Mercury:

I was honored to serve as an **innovation coach at two bases in Germany in the summer of 2022, and now I teach the Air Force Academy's "Innovation and Future Conflict" course**, sharing Project Mercury techniques and tools with Cadets!