ORSA All Hands via A365. On 9 Jul 21, MG Gingrich hosted an ORSA All Hands via Army 365 and phone lines. MG Gingrich talked about the new Secretary of the Army, Ms. Christine Wormuth, who desires more analysis for decision-making.

HQDA is coming out of COVID-19 with the easing of restrictions while remaining vigilant. Teammates are coming back to the Pentagon and we hope for the same at other duty locations, our summer transition is in full swing. MG Gingrich personally thanked LTC Erik Wright in helping move the FA49 community forward, and he contributed a definitive, positive impact from the day he started and still to this day.

The FA49 Recruiting Team is doing a lot, and we’re doing okay with VTIP numbers. The Recruiting Team doing fantastic job – MG Gingrich is handing out recruiting brochures – we’re all doing our part.

Professional Development – a shout out to AORS. MG Gingrich recently sent out a note to the community about participating in order to give everyone a nudge that there is a lot of quality work being done that deserves light of day to the large community. This is the opportunity to show your peers what you’ve been up to. It really connects and expands our network so that you can reach out to others in the branch. AORS will be held from 14 to 16 September at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Advanced Civilian Schooling application window is open and due NLT 30 Jul 2021. We have 23 ACS quotas and would like to maximize their use. ACS is about getting our officers the credentials they need to make them successful.

DA Pam 600-3 was recently updated, which helps inform you in making decisions. It is important to maintain balance while coming out of COVID, re-establishing that balance between home and work.

Key and Nominative Billets. We are not plowing through new territory – we are catching up to other functional areas. We are trying to leverage the best of breed for those that went before us. There are two challenges – competitiveness for promotion and a developmentally broad approach to our team. Experiences are important for each officer. This will put us on more equal footing to other FAs. We will learn as we go and we will get better as we go. KNB is about identifying talent, getting talent into a key nominative billet and broadening and distinguishing you as an officer for the board so the timing is correct for the best scenario forward.

The one message MG Gingrich would like to drive home more than anything, is that you can be the smartest person that everyone has ever met, have the highest level of education, but at the end of the day it’s about your ability to communicate effectively. Thanks everyone – be safe.