

**THE NCO LEADERSHIP CENTER of EXCELLENCE**  
**Master Leader Course (MLC)**

**M424: Contemporary Issues**  
**Advance Sheet**

**1. SCOPE:**

Often challenges arise for the nation and the Army that are temporary or their duration is one that is limited to an undetermined time period where society needs time to adjust to the change or new norm. As these issues, surface military members must be able to engage in meaningful discourse to mete out the impacts on the force. This lesson ensures we can provide Army leaders who work well on collaborative teams to identify and analyze problems, and then reach a shared understanding to provide critical information that enables effective and operationally sound solutions. As a result of this learning event senior NCOs will be able to observe issues in an analytical manner and then orient their full attention onto causal factors then decide the impacts and how to act upon them with will thought out solutions or mitigating measures.

**2. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

**TLO: This lesson supports 400-MLC-0430, Formulate management processes and skills to be an agile senior NCO at the organizational level.**

**ELO: 400-MLC-0430.17**

**Action:** Verify contemporary issues and their possible effects on the Army.

**Condition:** As a learner and senior leader attending face-to-face or virtual environments participating in dynamic, collaborative facilitated discussions, given references and multimedia resources.

**Standard:** Answer contemporary issues questions:

1. Confirming cultural impacts;
2. Validating change requirements;
3. Verifying training requirements; and
4. Demonstrating possible causes and solutions.

**Learning Domain:** Cognitive

**Level of Learning:** Analysis

**3. PREPARATION FOR CLASS:**

**a. Read (1 Total Page):**

- TC 7-22.7, *The NCO Guide*, January 2020, p. 1-20, para N and O (1 page). Found at <https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/TC.aspx>

**b. Be prepared to discuss the following in class:**

- How soon will robots replace Soldiers on the battlefield? Answer based on personal experiences
- How can the U.S. military maintain air superiority? Answer based on personal experiences
- What affect will the five greatest threats have on U.S. National Security? Answer based on personal experiences
- How can you protect against cyber-attacks? Answer based on personal experiences
- How soon will autonomous vehicles be driven on the battlefield? Answer based on personal experiences
- What is the future of artificial intelligence in the Army? Answer based on personal experiences

**4. HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT(S):** None.

**5. ASSESSMENT PLAN:** Refer to ISAP.