UAS HISTORY, TERMINOLOGY, AG SENSORS, PRE-FLIGHT PROCEDURES





- UAS TECHNOLOGY
- UAS PLATFORM ORIENTATION
 - PLATFORMS, COMPONENTS, OPERATING PARAMETERS
 - CONTROL UNIT
 - SENSORS
 - CREW

- UAS OPERATIONS
 - PREP/BRIEFINGS, PRE-FLIGHT INSPECTIONS, FLIGHT, POST-FLIGHT
 - CONTROL
 - PILOT VLOS
 - CRM CREW RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 - COMPLIANCE
 - SAFETY
 - COMMUNICATIONS
 - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
 - WEATHER

MISSION PLANNING

- AIRCRAFT, SENSOR, CREW SELECTION
- FLIGHT AREA
- OPERATIONAL PARAMETERS
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMPLIANCE
- WEATHER
- ALTERNATE PLAN EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
- CREW ROLES & RESPONSIBILITY

- MISSION BRIEFING
- MISSION EXECUTION INDOOR FLIGHT
- MISSION DEBRIEFING

FLIGHT OPS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- AT THE END OF THIS FLIGHT OPS SECTION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:
- TALK THE TALK (UAS TERMINOLOGY)
- DESCRIBE COMPONENTS AND HOW THEY OPERATE
- DESCRIBE UAS PLATFORMS AND FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS
- DESCRIBE NORMAL AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR UAS QUADCOPTER AIRCRAFT

FLIGHT OPS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- AT THE END OF THIS FLIGHT OPS SECTION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:
- DESCRIBE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, SAFETY REQUIREMENTS,
 AND WEATHER EFFECTS FOR FLYING UAS AIRCRAFT
- FLY DJI MAVIC MINI AND PHANTOM 4 AIRCRAFT SAFELY AND PROFICIENTLY
- DEVELOP, BRIEF, FLY, AND DE-BRIEF A MISSION PLAN.

FLIGHT OPS – SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

- WHAT IS AN UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM?
- WHY DO WE USE UAS?
- HOW DOES FLYING A UAS DIFFER FROM FLYING A MANNED AIRCRAFT?
- WHAT IS A MISSION PLAN?
- HOW WILL I BENEFIT BY USING A UAS?

•WHAT IS A UAS?

 UAS – ANY SENSOR CARRYING OR PAYLOAD DELIVERY PLATFORM THAT OPERATES ABOVE THE EARTHS SURFACE OR INDEPENDENT OF MECHANICAL SUPPORT FROM THE SURFACE THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN OPERATOR OR PILOT ON BOARD

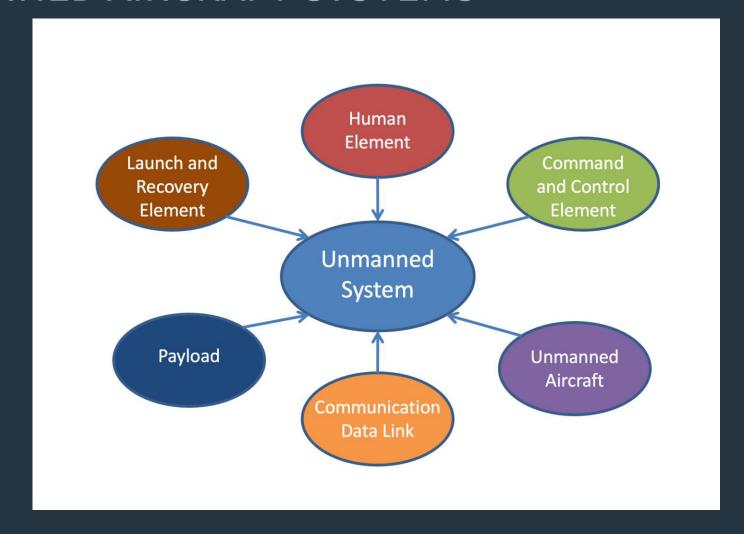
- •WHAT IS A UAS?
- EARLY UAS AIRCRAFT ORIGINATED IN CHINA-
 - KITES
 - BALOONS
 - CHINESE GENERAL ZHUGE LIANG (180-234 AD)

- CONFUSION IN WHAT UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SHOULD BE CALLED-
 - AERIAL TORPEDOS
 - RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT (RCA)
 - REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE (RPV)
 - AUTONOMOUS CONTROL
 - PILOTLESS VEHICLE
 - UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV)
 - UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (UAS)
 - DRONE

- THE FAA HAS ADDED TO THE CONFUSION WITH THEIR OFFICIAL TITLES-
 - UAS UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS 2016
 - UAS UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS 2019
 - UAS UNCREWED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS 2022

- UAS UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
 - THE SYSTEM HAS SIX ELEMENTS IT'S NOT JUST THE AIRCRAFT
 - HUMAN COMPONENT PILOT/CREW
 - THE AIRCRAFT
 - PAYLOAD
 - COMMAND AND CONTROL
 - DATA LINK/COMMUNICATIONS
 - LAUNCH AND RECOVERY

• UAS – UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS



- UAS UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
- TWO BROAD CATEGORIES:
 - REMOTE CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT (MODEL AIRCRAFT)
 - USED FOR RECREATION
 - UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FLOWN FOR OTHER THAN RECREATIONAL PURPOSES
 - UAS OFTEN HAVING PAYLOADS, NAVIGATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY THAT SUPPORT THE OPERATIONAL GOAL

- UAS UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
- TWO COMMON TYPES OF AIRCRAFT:
 - VTOL VERTICAL TAKEOFF AND LAND
 - ADVANTAGES- SMALL FOOTPRINT, CAN OPERATE IN TIGHT/ENCLOSED SPACES
 - DISADVANTAGES- SHORT ENDURANCE, REQUIRES SMALLER CONPONENTS
 - FIXED WING -
 - ADVANTAGES- LONG ENDURANCE CAN COVER MORE AREA, FASTER
 - DISADVANTAGES
 LARGE AREA OR MORE COMPONENTS NEEDED FOR LAUNCH AND RECOVERY.

- UAS UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
- IN THIS COURSE WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON ROTORCRAFT (QUADCOPTERS)
 - AIRCRAFT RELIES ON ROTATING PROPELLERS FOR LIFT AND CONTROL
 - FOUR MOTORS QUADCOPTER
 - SIX MOTORS HEXOCOPTER
 - EIGHT MOTORS OCTOCOPTER

- MISSION PLANNING WHAT AIRCRAFT WILL SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE MISSION FOR THE CLIENT?
- EXPLAIN WHY AN OCTOCOPTER MAYBE A BETTER AIRCRAFT TO COMPLETE A MISSION THAN A QUADCOPTER-
 - FACTORS TO CONSIDER PAYLOAD SIZE AND WEIGHT, FLYING OVER SENSITIVE TERRAIN OR FACILITIES REQUIRING REDUNDANCY FOR SAFETY CONCERNS, HIGHER WEATHER TOLERANCES, BVLOS ISSUES.

- MISSION PLANNING WHAT SENSOR(S) SHOULD BE USED TO COMPLETE THE MISSION?
 - EO ELECTRO OPTICAL CAMERA THAT OPERATES IN DAYLIGHT PROVIDING VIDEO AND STILL IMAGES RGB CAMERAS FIT INTO THIS CATEGORY (DSLRS, DIGITAL POINT AND SHOOT CAMERAS, ETC.)

• IR – INFRARED – CAMERAS THAT USE HEAT RADIATION TO FORM AN IMAGE (FLIR)

• MSI/HSI – MULTISPECTRAL/HYPERSPECTRAL CAMERAS THAT CAN PROVIDE COLOR IMAGES WITH MULTI SPECTRAL BANDS INCLUDING THE BLUE, GREEN, AND RED PORTIONS OF THE VISIBLE SPECTRUM.

- MISSION PLANNING HOW MANY CREW MEMBERS DO YOU NEED?
 - RPIC REMOTE PILOT IN COMMAND HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FLIGHT AND CONTROLLING THE AIRCRAFT
 - VO VISUAL OPBERVER ASSISTS THE RPIC WITH MAINTAINING VIEW OF THE AIRCRAFT AT ALL TIMES FOR COLLISION AVOIDANCE, NAVIGATION, AND SPOTTING POTENTIAL HAZARDS OR IMMINENT UNSAFE CONDITIONS.
 - OTHER CREW COULD INCLUDE PAYLOAD TECHNICIAN, MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN, MISSION MANAGER, ETC.

- MISSION PLANNING HOW MANY CREW MEMBERS DO YOU NEED?
 - DEFINITION OF A CREW MEMBER ANY PERSON WHO PLAYS AN ACTIVE PART IN THE MISSION AND/OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, PREPARATION, AND BRIEFINGS REGARDING THE MISSION EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLL IN THE MISSION ITSELF.

• EXAMPLE- A MARKETING DEPARTMENT VIDEOGRAPHER PARTICIPATES IN ALL THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE MISSION SO AS TO ACCURATELY DOCUMENT THE MISSION FOR MARKETING PURPOSES.

- MISSION PLANNING GROUND BASE LOCATION
 - LAUNCH AND RECOVERY DETERMINE LOCATION FOR GROUND CONTROL, TAKE-OFF AND LANDING
 - FACTORS TO CONSIDER
 - PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES- STAY AWAY FROM HIGH VOLUME TRAFFIC WALKWAYS/ROADWAYS.
 - OBSTACLES COLLISION AVOIDANCE AND VLOS ISSUES.
 - RF INTERFERENCE -POWER LINES, CELL TOWERS, OTHER NEARBY RF TRANSMISSIONS.

- MISSION PLANNING FLIGHT
 - ALTITUDE
 - MSL MEAN SEA LEVEL HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL
 - AGL ABOVE GROUND LEVEL HEIGHT ABOVE THE GROUND
 - DETERMINE IF CONTROLLED AIRSPACE IS A FACTOR AT YOUR FLYING ALTITUDE
 - DETERMINE THE HARD DECK BASED ON WEATHER AND FAA REGS
 - HEADING REFERENCE SECTIONAL CHARTS, GROUND SCOUT OR GPS REFERENCE THE FOUR CARDINAL HEADINGS (ESPECIALLY NORTH) TO ORIENT YOURSELF AND THE AIRCRAFT AT THE MISSION SIGHT.
 - AIRSPEED THE SPEED AT WITH THE AIRCRAFT MOVES THROUGH THE AIR
 - GROUND SPEED AIRCRAFT SPEED OVER THE GROUND

- MISSION PLANNING COMMUNICATION
 - CREW COMMUNICATION IS THE BACKBONE OF CRM (CREW RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)
 - CREW COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES SHOULD BE CREATED AND ESTABLISHED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF A UAS ORGANIZATION
 - PROCEDURES SHOULD INCLUDE PROPER PERSON TO PERSON VERBAL COMMUNICATION (CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR OTHER CREW MEMBERS) AS WELL AS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS (STILL WITHIN VISUAL SITE OF EACH OTHER BUT BEYOND HEARING RANGE OF OTHER CREW MEMBERS).
 - PROCEDURES FOR QUICK AND EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION OF POSSIBLE OR IMMINENT COLLISION HAZARDS (SUCH AS MANNED AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA).

- ATC AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
 - FAA DESIGNATED OPERATIONAL FACILITY THAT CONTROLS THE NAS (NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM) IN THEIR SPECIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.
- GPS GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM
 - WORLDWIDE NAVIGATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM THAT IDENTIFIES A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH.

- MISSION PLANNING COMPLIANCE
 - RPIC- THE REMOTE PILOT IN COMMAND MUST HOLD AN FAA PART 107 CERTIFICATION.
 - AIRCRAFT- MUST HAVE PROPER EQUIPMENT ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT TO FLY OVER PEOPLE OR BEYOND VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT.
 - UAS AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER PEOPLE (CATEGORY 4 AIRCRAFT)
 - COA MISSIONS REQUIRE CREW MEMBERS HAVE ADDITIONAL MANNED AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.

- MISSION PLANNING/PRE-FLIGHT BRIEFING WEATHER
 - A WEATHER OUTLOOK SHOULD BE OBTAINED DURING THE MISSION PLANNING STAGE. EVEN UNOFFICIAL FORECASTS (LOCAL NEWS) CAN PROVIDE A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WHAT MAY BE COMING IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. KEEP IN MIND THAT WEATHER FORECASTS ARE LESS THAN 50% ACCURATE MORE THAN 3 DAYS OUT.
 - OBTAINING AN OFFICIAL WEATHER OUTLOOK (FAA) WITHIN 24 HOURS WILL PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE WEATHER DATA.
 - A FULL WEATHER BRIEFING AS WELL AS FOLLOW UP ABBREVIATED BRIEFINGS ON MISSION DAY WILL ALLOW YOU TO MAKE GO/NO GO DECISIONS.

- MISSION PLANNING/PRE-FLIGHT BRIEFING WEATHER
 - EVERY RPIC SHOULD CREATE PERSONAL WEATHER MINIMUMS IN ADDITION TO FAA WEATHER MINIMUMS.
 - NEW RPIC PERSONNEL WITH MINIMAL FLIGHT TIME OR EXPERIENCE MAY NOT BE READY FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS AT OR NEAR FAA WEATHER MINIMUMS. THESE PERSONAL LIMITS SHOULD BE OVER AND ABOVE THE FAA MINIMUMS FOR GO/NO GO DECISION MAKING.
 - PERSONAL LIMITS CHANGE WITH TIME AND EXPERIENCE.

- VFR VISUAL FLIGHT RULES
 - MUST MAINTAIN VISUAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT AT ALL TIMES 3 MILES VISIBILITY AND 500 FEET BELOW CLOUDS.
 - PART 107 OPERATIONS ARE FLOWN VFR CAN WE GET A WAIVER?
- IFR INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES
 - USED FOR FLIGHT OTHER THAN VFR
 - REQUIRES ATC CLEARANCE AND ADDITIONAL NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT
 - PILOT MUST HAVE AT LEAST A PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE WITH AN INSTRUMENT RATING.

- MISSION PLANNING- EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
 - CREATING ALTERNATE PLANS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY DURING THE MISSION PLANNING STAGE.
 - THESE PROCEDURES SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND REHEARSED BY ALL CREW MEMBERS DURING ALL PRE-FLIGHT PREPARATION AND BRIEFINGS.
 - CREW MEMBERS MUST KNOW THEIR PROCEDURAL AND COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITIES DURING AN EMERGENCY AS WELL AS ANY BACK-UP ROLL THEY MAYBE ASSIGNED. CHECKLISTS AND FAA/ATC PHONE NUMBERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THESE PROCEDURES.

- PRE-FLIGHT INSPECTION
 - THE RPIC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRCRAFT AIRWORTHINESS.
 - THE PRE-FLIGHT INSPECTION SHOULD FOLLOW THE OEM (ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER) RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR FLIGHT AIRWORTHINESS.
 - IF NO GUIDELINES ARE GIVEN- THE RPIC SHOULD CREATE A PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE AIRCRAFT AND MISSION TO BE FLOWN.

- PRE-FLIGHT INSPECTION
 - SOME CHECKLIST ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED:
 - BATTERY CONDITION (NO SWELLING OR VISIBLE DAMAGE)
 - PROPELLERS NO VISIBLE NICKS OR CRACKS PROPER INSTALLATION
 - AIRFRAME NO DAMAGE OR CRACKS- NUTS AND BOLTS TIGHT
 - LANDING GEAR STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND SECURE
 - PAYLOAD ATTACHED AND WORKING PROPERLY- MEMORY CARD

- FLYING THE MISSION
 - PAYLOAD/SENSOR PROGRAMMING
 - VIEWING ANGLE
 - NADIR CAMERA/SENSOR VIEW STRAIGHT DOWN 90 DEGREES
 - OFF NADIR AN OBLIQUE ANGLE TO THE TARGET USUALLY 10-15 DEGREES OFF NADIR – DOWN 75 TO 80 DEGREES
 - MOTION EFFECT IMAGE DISTORTION CAUSED BY AIRCRAFT MOTION ALONG THE FLIGHT PATH.

- A CLOSER LOOK AT MOTION EFFECT
 - HIGHER ALTITUDE LESS MOTION EFFECT DUE TO A LARGER FIELD OF VIEW AIRCRAFT CAN FLY AT A HIGHER AIRSPEED AND STILL GET SHARP IMAGES. COMPLETE MISSIONS FASTER. DOWN SIDE - LESS DETAIL/RESOLUTION PER
 - LOWER ALTITUDE MORE RESOLUTION PER PIXEL BUT MORE MOTION EFFECT THE SMALLER THE FIELD OF VIEW AND BEING PHYSICALLY CLOSER TO THE GROUND MAKES IT APPEAR LARGER AND MOVING FASTER THROUGH THE CAMERAS FIELD OF VIEW. AIRCRAFT MUST SLOW DOWN OR STOP COMPLETELY TO TAKE EACH PICTURE TO GET SHARP IMAGES. THE CAMERA MUST ALSO TAKE MORE IMAGES DUE TO THE SMALLER FIELD OF VIEW. DOWN SIDE - FLIGHT TIMES

- A CLOSER LOOK AT MOTION EFFECT
 - MISSIONS FLOWN EARLY MORNING (SHORTLY AFTER SUNRISE), LATE EVENING (SHORTLY BEFORE SUNSET), DURING THE DAY WHEN OVERCAST OR VISIBILITY 3-5 MILES WILL HAVE MOTION BLUR ISSUES.
 - LONGER SHUTTER SPEEDS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN PROPER IMAGE EXPOSURES WHICH WILL INCREASE MOTION BLUR.

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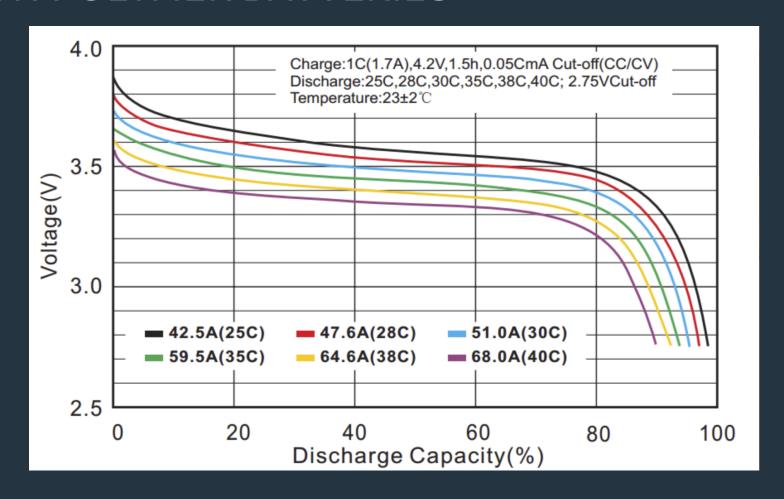
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- A CLOSER LOOK AT MOTION EFFECT
 - MOTION BLUR CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE DRONE DEPLOY PLATFORM AND MISSION PLANNING PORTIONS OF THE COURSE.

- A CLOSER LOOK AT BATTERY MANAGEMENT
 - BATTERIES ARE THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD AND OVERLOOKED ASPECT OF MISSION PLANNING.
 - IMPROPER BATTERY MANAGEMENT IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF CANCELLED MISSIONS AND REDUCED BATTERY LIFE.
 - IMPROPER CHARGING, DISCHARGING, AND STORAGE CHARGING CAN REDUCE A BATTERY'S LIFE BY UP TO 50%

- LITHIUM ION POLYMER BATTERIES
 - LiPo BATTERIES ARE THE BEST ELECTRIC POWER SOURCE FOR DRONES.
 - THEY HAVE A HIGH POWER TO WEIGHT RATIO- LIGHT WEIGHT/HIGH POWER
 - THEY OFFER A HIGH DISCHARGE RATE
 - CONSISTANT DISCHARGE RATE UP UNTIL THE BATTERIES HAVE LESS THAN 15% POWER REMAINING.

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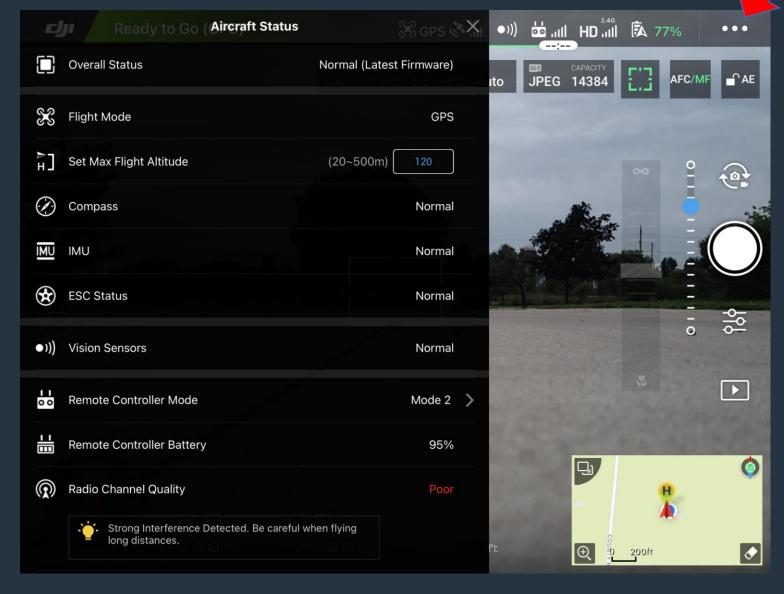


• DJI PHANTOM 4 SMART BATTERIES



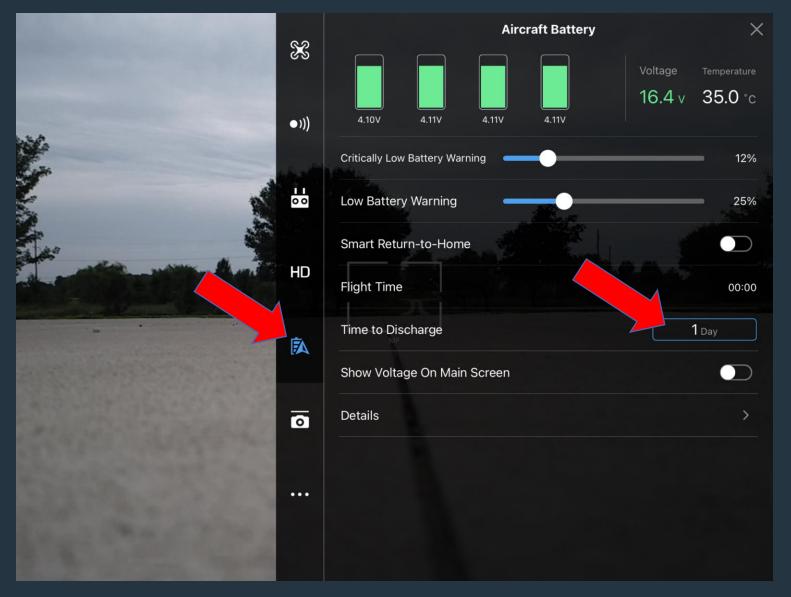


- DJI PHANTOM 4 SMART BATTERIES
 - THEY ARE TEMPERATURE AND CAPACITY CONTROLLED WITH INTERNAL CIRCUITRY.
 - RECENTLY USED (HOT) BATTERIES WILL NOT CHARGE UNTIL COOLED TO A SPECIFIC TEMPERATURE
 - COLD BATTERIES WILL NOT ALLOW THE AIRCRAFT TO TAKEOFF UNTIL WARMED TO A SPECIFIC TEMPERATURE
 - FULLY CHARGED BATTERIES NOT USED FOR A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD WILL SELF DISCHARGE TO STORAGE CHARGE TO EXTEND THE BATTERIES LIFE.



SETTING BATTERY SELF DISCHARGE

SELECT THE THREE DOTS IN THE UPPER RIGHT OF THE MAIN DJI SCREEN TO GO TO THE MAIN MENU



SETTING BATTERY SELF DISCHARGE

SELECT THE BATTERY ICON IN THE SUB MENU ON THE LEFT

SET THE "TIME TO DISCHARGE" FROM 1 TO 5 DAYS

3-5 DAYS IF YOU FLY MULTIPLE TIMES A WEEK. ALLOWS FOR A FRIDAY CHARGE TO STILL BE THERE ON MONDAY

MEMORY CARDS

- ANOTHER LEADING CAUSE OF CANCELLED OR DELAYED FLIGHTS IS NOT HAVING A MEMORY CARD INSTALLED ON THE AIRCRAFT WHEN READY FOR TAKEOFF.
- IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU INCLUDE A MEMORY CARD SWAP IN YOUR POST FLIGHT CHECKLIST. WHEN YOU TAKE A CARD OUT, IMMEDIATELY REPLACE IT WITH AN EMPTY CARD.
- CAPACITY AND READ/WRITE SPEEDS 4K CAMERAS REQUIRE HIGH WRITE SPEEDS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE LAG AND BUFFERING ISSUES.

MEMORY CARDS-

- U1 CARDS CAN WRITE UP TO 10MB/SEC 1080P
- U3 CARDS CAN WRITE AT LEAST 30MB/SEC 4K
- CLASS 10 CAN WRITE UP TO 10MB/SEC FOR OLDER TECHNOLOGY







FLIGHT OPERATIONS - QUESTIONS

- 1) JUST LIKE YOUR CAR BATTERY, YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR UAS BATTERIES FULLY CHARGED AT ALL TIMES? FALSE
- 2) MICRO SD CARDS HAVE BECOME VERY RELIABLE, YOU NO LONGER NEED TO BACK UP DATA ON THE CARD? FALSE
- 3) MOTION EFFECT IS LESS OF A FACTOR AT LOWER OR HIGHER ALTITUDES? HIGHER
- 4) WHAT DOES ATC MEAN? AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
- 5) WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AIRSPEED AND GROUND SPEED! SPEED! GROUND SPEED IS AIRSPEED WITH WINDS FACTORED IN