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Transformational Leadership

- Leaders use a transformational approach that focuses on inspiring the team members
- Delegates tasks, encourages 'outside the box thinking'
- Inspires subordinates to lead and win

Commander's Intent

- Explain overall mission
- Allows the 'why' to be understood, why the mission is being conducted



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Decentralized Command

- Transformational leadership within a decentralized command structure allows subordinate employees to 'lead' themselves and their peers
- By allowing subordinates the latitude to lead up the chain of command, it empowers them to want to do their best
- Not only are subordinates now required to think and make decisions on their own, they also have some ownership of the outcome

Centralized



Decentralized

