Winlink Thursday for June 9th, 2022

ETO Winlink Thursday Basics

Some reminders, especially for New Arrivals to ETO:

- Read and Follow the Instructions **PRECISELY**. Details are sometimes missed in the reading, and some of our assignments can be tricky!
- Make Sure you Address the Correct Clearinghouse for Your Geographic Location (especially if you're temporarily in a different region)
  - Our Tactical Addresses are all formatted as "ETO-nn", where nn is *always* either a 2-digit number ("01", "03", …, "10"), "CAN" for Canadian participants, or "DX" for all others.
  - Make sure you type a ZERO, not the letter "O", in the 2-digit number.
  - If you don't know your Clearinghouse's Tactical Address, Use this web page to look it up: https://emcomm-training.org/More_Info.html#Maps
- For our exercises, we recommend that you always check the "Request message receipt" box in your message before you Post it to your OutBox.
- Another suggestion from our Gurus: put your own "normal" Email Address in the CC box, so that you receive a copy in your non-Winlink Email, as another confirmation that your Winlink message was sent out correctly.
- **IMPORTANT! Just because you receive a CC of your own Winlink submission, and/or receive an ACK from your Clearinghouse, doesn't guarantee that your position will be shown on the Results Map. Your message needs to follow the exercise instructions 100% correctly, for your location to be plotted.**
- **IMPORTANT! Always accept form updates (if offered, when starting up Winlink Express) before starting an exercise. Always accept updates to the Winlink Express executable (if offered) before starting an exercise.**
- **ETO exercises are designed to be completed using the Winlink Express client, in a Windows environment. If you choose to use any other Winlink Client Program, your mileage may vary, and your response may not be mapped or graded as Correct.**
- **Avoid common errors as outlined on our website: https://emcomm-training.org/Winlink_Thursdays.html**

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Graphic Image Resizing

When transmitting an image, it's important to resize it to a manageable file size, without destroying its content or making it unreadable. Images are often used for reporting damage assessment, for maps, facilities identification and many other purposes.

During this exercise, you will be asked to take a supplied graphic image (from the ETO website), **crop it for area of interest, resize it to 5K or less,** and send it along with a Check-in form containing your GPS location. You will send it to your ETO-nn Clearinghouse Tactical Address.

Download the full-sized "artificial.jpg" photo from the EmComm website (do NOT use the image printed below - it is low resolution) to your computer, crop it to include the 24-square color palette (as shown below), resize to 5k and attach it (.jpg file format only) to your message. Include the Winlink Check-in Form with your Geo-location.
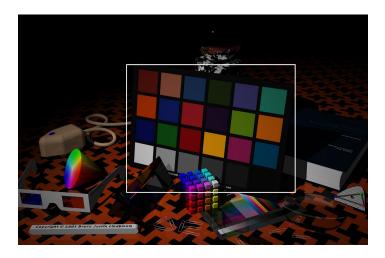
In the "Comments" section, tell us how difficult you found this exercise to be by just inserting one number, 1 - 5, where 1 indicates easiest and 5 indicates most difficult.

Generic Winlink Express cropping and resizing instructions are provided here, if needed:

https://youtu.be/886P6ygHm00

This exercise will be graded on image quality and accuracy. Difficulty ratings will also be tabulated.

Artificial.jpg (crop as outlined)

(CREDIT: Image "artificial.jpg" is a test image from Image Compression, and was created by Bruce Lindbloom)