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SUBJECT: NEW MPA LEAVE BALANCE POLICY

This message is an update to the ARCNet message, *New Leave Policy*, dated February 2013.

Air Force Reserve officials recently announced the roll-out of the second and final step in the Leave Carryover Program policy.

The updates in Phase II of this policy, which went into effect on March 20, 2014, expanded carryover policy to allow for members serving on Military Personnel Appropriation (MPA) orders for more than 30 days to carryover leave from one long tour and fiscal year to the next.

Under the AFRC Leave Carryover Program – Phase II, reservists serving on Reserve Personnel Appropriation (RPA) or MPA long orders may carryover up to 60 days of leave from one fiscal year to the next. Keep in mind that leave may only be used during active duty service, not during periods of annual training (AT) or inactive duty training (IDT).

Reservists are encouraged to use their leave in conjunction with the tour in which it was earned. If circumstances prevent this, eligible MPA or RPA long-tour leave accruals can be saved by filling out an Air Force Form 1089, Leave Settlement Option, and submitting it to the member's reserve pay office. To use carryover leave, the member must also get approval from the gaining commander prior to starting a tour. Additionally, members should not go on tours for the sole purpose of using accrued leave.

To be eligible, RPA-tour leave must have been earned on or after November 1, 2012, and MPA-tour leave earned on or after October 9, 2013.

To obtain your leave balance, contact your servicing Reserve Pay Office. For all other inquiries regarding the new policy, including the full process for carrying over your leave, reference the attached policy guide or contact your servicing detachment staff.

Thank you for your service to our great nation!

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