



RIO Detachment 6 The Pelican Brief



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9 Aug 19 - Joint Officer Qualification

23 Aug 19 – Promotion Board Preparation, specifically for the CY19 Major’s Board

13 Sep 19 – Reserve Assignments

27 Sep 19 – DTS vs RTS

Newcomer’s Briefing

Typically every 3rd Thurs of each month @1300 (Short Course).

Available via Telecom and DCS.

15 Aug 19

19 Sep 19

17 Oct 19

From the Commander:

Orders Process:

We’re all experiencing impacts of the fiscally constrained environment we currently are operating in, unfortunately it would appear this has become more norm than exception. Our goal at HQ RIO Detachment 6 is to provide you with published orders at least five calendar days prior to the start date of your duty. The orders process can be bureaucratic and complex due to the many legal/monetary requirements and different organizational touch points along the way before an order is officially approved.

Det 6 is just one stop in that process. Timely submission of orders requests is not only required by AFI, it secures necessary funding that enables all our IR’s to meet participation requirements. As such, I expect IRs to submit orders requests **30 calendar days** ahead of their requested start date to meet the necessary timeline IAW AFI 36-2254V1, para 6.5.4.

The Det 6 Readiness staff will provide you with a Verbal Order of the Commander (VOCO) if this five-day threshold cannot be met as a result of systems issues or delays within HQ RIO. That allows you to make travel arrangements a few days ahead of time to hopefully avoid any last minute problems that may occur. However, VOCOs do not allocate funding and therefore are not payable orders.

Due to the large influx of last-minute orders not driven by bona fide mission needs, anyone entering an order request in AROWS that is less than two weeks from the start date of duty must also submit a VOCO request for my approval. This VOCO must provide **detailed** mission justification for the short notice request and be signed by your active duty commander. IRs without certified orders or a signed VOCO from Det 6 are **not** in any duty status, and therefore are **not** authorized to report to duty.

Last-minute orders requests without strong justification for the late submission will be disapproved. These sudden “emergencies” too often end up delaying processing of other requests that were submitted in a timely manner, causing them to become “emergencies” as well. This vicious cycle has become unsustainable, and we need to return to a normalized first-in/first-out battle rhythm.

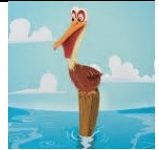
We fully understand there are exceptions (such as with the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers), and some late submissions are inevitable. However, those are the exception and not the norm. If mission needs drive you to submit a last-minute request, I’m asking that you call or email our Det 6 Readiness & Integration staff at 813-828-5035, option 2 (DSN 968) as soon as you are aware of the requirement. Early communication is essential! Help us help you stay committed to supporting your training requirements and the active duty mission. We owe it to each other to do our respective parts.

Thanks for all you do as Citizen Airmen!

Col Paul R. Delano Jr.
Commander



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Post 9/11 Transfer Education Benefits Policy Change:

Recently the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense has issued an extension to the July 12, 2019 deadline to Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1341.13, Post-9/11 GI Bill, updating policy on the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) by Service members to eligible dependents. The Department extended the implementation period from 12 to 18 months. **Members will have now until January 12, 2020 to transfer their Education Benefits.** Eligibility to transfer benefits will now only be limited to service members with at least 6 years, but not more than 16 years of total creditable service. The determination of service members' total years of creditable service will be based on the date of the member's TEB application, not the date the request is approved. To transfer benefits please go to: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>.

CCAF sets end date for Professional Manager Certification:

The Community College of the Air Force will no longer accept applications for the Professional Manager Certification program after Sept. 30, 2019. The program termination comes after the Air Force COOL Program having 31 civilian industry leadership and management professional certifications available to senior noncommissioned officers.

To be eligible for the PMC, Airmen must have been awarded a CCAF degree and the 7 skill-level or higher. They must have also completed Airman Leadership School, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, or their equivalent, and also completed 30 semester hours of leadership/management coursework.

IDT Submission in UTAPS for Fiscal Year 2020:

AFRC is requiring IDTs be scheduled in UTAPS by **15 August 2019** in order to allocate the FY2020 funding. It's also a mechanism for AFRC to forecast end strength. As proactive IMAs you should already be planning your FY20 duty plan. You can always change the IDTs dates later, but please meet this suspense.

To project IDTs please go to: <https://utapsweb.afrc.af.mil/utapsweb/>

In the meantime, maintain your readiness (Green to GO!), make yourself value-added to your active duty organization, and continue to represent the U.S. Air Force in a manner to be respected.

End of the Year Close Out & Processing Orders for Upcoming Fiscal Year

If you're an IMA in need of orders that start within the first 3 weeks of October (1-19 Oct) please submit an AROWS-R orders request to RIO Det 6 NLT 1 Sep 19. DFAS and DEAMS will be unavailable to process orders for the first few weeks of new fiscal year.



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HQ RIO Quick Links

- [HQ RIO Website](#)
- [Detachment Directory](#)
- [The Guide for IRs](#)
- [Travel Companion for IRs](#)
- [Wingman Toolkit](#)
- [AROWS-R](#)
- [Defense Travel System](#)
- [Volunteer Reserve System](#)

1 Jul Enlisted Promotions:

TSgt Brian Frake—325 FSS

TSgt Megan Friedl—70 ISR Wing

MSgt Ashley Lewis—CENTCOM

CMSgt Erick Rawding—27 SOCES

TSgt Katrink Riches—CENTCOM

SMSgt Allison Richardson—CENTCOM

TSgt Victor Rivera—SOCOM

TSgt Catherine Ruckstuhl—CENTCOM

MSgt Brandon Wetsch—CENTCOM

MSgt Robert Wombles—325 SFS

1 Aug Enlisted Promotions:

SMSgt David Arneson—355 CES

TSgt Tyler Baldwin—23 CES

MSgt Monica Cortez—24 AF

MSgt Frank Mora—24 AF

MSgt Kelsey Saul—625 Operations CE

TSgt Tisha Trammel—461 OSS

IR Spotlight—Top Individual Reservist of the Year (CY18)

The award program recognizes the accomplishments of the outstanding Airmen who augment Active Component and government agencies world-wide. "The IR of the Year awards recognize our best reservists for going above and beyond in their support of the Department of Defense," said Col. Kelli B. Smiley.

Please join Det 6 in recognizing the following individuals:

Senior NCO of the Year: Master Sgt. Scott A. Dye, Operations Superintendent, 68th Network Warfare Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas

Company Grade Office of the Year: Captain Neil B. Samson, Public Affairs Officer, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

Field Grade Officer of the Year: Major Hila Levy, Chief of Wing Intelligence, 352nd Special Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall