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## **RIO Detachment 6— The Pelican Brief**



Hello all Det 6 Individual Reservists!

I'm the new commander of HQ RIO/Det 6, having taken over from Col Malia Spranger as she heads off into retirement from the Air Force and ownership of a local fitness business. She and Chief Jeannie Norton have left me with a superb team charged with facilitating the integration of wartime-ready Reservists to meet Air Force and Combatant Command requirements, and they do a great job of meeting those needs every day.

A quick bit of my background -- I served as a weather officer on active duty, but have been a career space operations officer since joining the Reserve in 2001. I've spent 7 years in IMA status, along with time as a Traditional Reservist and Active Guard and Reserve, and I've commanded at the squadron level previously. I understand the challenge of being an "Airman of One" integrated into active duty units and staffs. IMAs have to wrestle with the military personnel bureaucracy constantly in order to stay ready and perform duty, and Det 6 is here to facilitate that as much as possible. I can assure you we do not live to make your Reserve lives more difficult.

As IRs you understand your duty and obligations to this part-time career you've volunteered for, and the top obligation you have is to remain ready for duty or deployment at any time. For my tenure here at Det 6, readiness will be my #1 priority for you. That means staying current on your Preventative Health Assessment (PHA), your physical fitness test, your annual dental exam, getting a flu shot between September and 31 December (and making sure the Air Force knows you did!), and having the right security clearance for your position. In addition, readiness means having the necessary skills and training to perform the position you are assigned to. So if there are formal schools you need to get to, please let us know!

Current readiness at all times will make your Reserve career lives significantly easier, and it's what your inactive duty training periods and annual tour are designed for. So when your active duty unit wants to bring you in on Military Personnel Appropriation (MPA) man-days for a week or two, or you're scheduled to go to a school or class, if your readiness isn't up to snuff, I have an obligation to not bring you to duty until it is.

I'm thrilled to be here in the Det 6/CC seat, and part of a high-performance team. I have a passion and affinity for the IMA program because it's the only place where the Reserve is integrated into the active component by design. I thank you all for your service, and for volunteering to be a part of the IR program. We all have great opportunities before us to make a difference in the defense of the United States, and while it may not always be great times, it's surely an adventure. Just Be Ready.

Cheers!  
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Commander, HQ RIO Det 6

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