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RIO Detachment 6— The Pelican Brief



From the Commander:

From the Det 6 team, I hope you all had a safe and festive holiday season. As we begin 2018, I encourage you all to take some time to set some personal and professional goals for the year (aka “resolutions”). Of course, you can do that any time, but the beginning of the year has a spirit of renewal about it that tends to provide some momentum. Among my goals for the year are to a) run every single day in January and b) finish my Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. The years go by fast so we should strive to continuously grow, and I like to use New Year’s resolutions (goals) as an impetus to keep that up through the year.

Blended Retirement System (BRS) Acknowledgement/Training:

Many of you have received multiple emails and ARCNet messages regarding the legal requirement for Reservists at certain year marks to a) acknowledge being informed about the opt-in/opt out decision on the new Blended Retirement System and b) take the ADLS training on the BRS. If you received those messages, you are required to do both. This is a legal requirement and AFRC is being scrutinized for its completion percentage. I’m fairly confident we will end up having to go down the road to a no-pay/no-points status in the near future to get this requirement completed, and I can almost guarantee that it will happen at the most inconvenient and inopportune moment that will prevent you from coming to duty. So get it done if you’re supposed to. It’s only 10-ish minutes.

The Chaos and Mayhem of Continuing Resolutions

As I write this, we are in a CR until 19 January, and HQ RIO does not have funding for Annual Tour orders that start in 2 duty days. And no one knows if we’ll get funding for those AT orders. And OBTW, this same scenario plays out every time Congress incrementally funds the DoD for a few weeks. We have operated under a CR for 13 out of the last 15 years, with 2-4 CRs every year. Imagine how it feels to tell an IMA who’s been planning to perform duty months in advance that 2 days before that duty you don’t know if they can perform it. That’s the situation Det 6 and our IMAs find ourselves in for the 4th time in the past 12 months.

We all know this is no way to run a railroad. From the military’s point of view, our senior leaders have testified before Congress time and time again about how disruptive CRs are, yet here we are. I don’t have any good advice except to please bear with us and remain flexible.

Thanks for all you do as Citizen Airmen.

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12 Jan 18– Understanding DTS

**26 Jan 18 – Officer Promotion
Board Preparation, specifically
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9 Feb 18 – Enlisted Force Development

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Newcomer’s Briefing

**Every 3rd Thurs of each month
@1300 (Short Course). Available
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18 Jan 18

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COL PROMOTIONS

Col MANIFOLD, MARILYN

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1 NOV PROMOTIONS

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SMSgt TEARTT, MELVIN— SOCOM

1 DEC PROMOTIONS

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USCENTCOM'S Air Force IMAs Prep for Key Assembly

By: CMSgt Mark J. Catledge, USCENTCOM AF IMA Senior Enlisted Advisor

As 2018 ushers in the Air Force Reserve's 70th Anniversary, this historical high mark serves as a proud and storied backdrop for USCENTCOM-assigned Air Force Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMAs) as they prepare to come to a meeting at our 2018 USCENTCOM AF IMA Assembly to be held on 26-27 April 2018 at MacDill's state-of-the-art Davis Conference Center. Of note is the fascinating nuance akin to all AF IMAs – who these days are officially referred to as Individual Reservists (IRs) – which is that our part-time military commitments are uniquely informed by a vast array of skills and talents honed outside the gate, making for a more robust and textured approach to uniformed service. Thus the enduring dividends to our country are actually these very civilian-bred tradecrafts themselves, brought to bear by today's Citizen Airmen who touch every Active Duty mission set in the Air Force portfolio. Thankfully for present-day reservists, we are widely regarded as equally invested wingmen and women who take seriously our charge to bolster the defense of our nation as we partner to ensure air advantage across the globe. Happily, our 2018 USCENTCOM AF IMA Assembly will bring our diverse team together under one roof in an intentional effort to synch up and plug in as a COCOM population to reap the benefits of purposeful, top down encouragement, participatory leadership engagement, professional development, genuine mentorship and key networking opportunities. Attendees will also enjoy the added benefit of unfettered access to primary leaders from RIO Det 6, HQ RIO, HQ ARPC and HQ AFRC in a purposely open forum designed to foster a spirit of collaboration where our Airmen are encouraged to contribute to the dialogue and seek direct answers to their burning IMA questions. Fellow AF IMAs from USSOCOM, SOCCENT and the 927th ARW have also been invited to attend what is touted to be a pivotal event for AF IMAs assigned to USCENTCOM. Happy 70th, Air Force Reserve!



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