



## RIO Detachment 6— The Pelican Brief



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**22 Jan 16—Officer Promo Board Prep**  
**(CY16 Lt Col Board Jun 2016)**

**5 Feb 16—Enlisted Force Development**

**11 Mar 16—Officer Force Development**  
**(Developmental Plans/Teams)**

**25 Mar 16—IR Utilization**

**8 Apr 16—Joint Officer Qualification**

**22 Apr 16—Reserve Assignments**

**13 May 16—Understanding DTS**

**10 Jun 16—Preparing to Detach from**  
**your MPA/RPA Long Tour**

**24 Jun 16—Officer Force Development**  
**(Developmental Plan/Teams)**

**21 Jan 16—Newcomers Orientation—**  
**Every 3rd Thurs of each month (Short**  
**Course)**

### From the Commander:

Citizen Airmen,

Happy New Leap Year! Hopefully you had an enjoyable, safe holiday season.

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to re-evaluate where we are in life, personally and professionally, and reaffirm goals and priorities. I've set some personal goals for the year (among them, get to 168 lbs, run a 1:50 half marathon, and learn to cook 10 new things). I also want to reiterate a couple priorities for you, as active, participating Individual Mobilization Augmentees:

1) **READINESS IS YOUR #1 PRIORITY!** Stay GREEN in ARCNet. That means staying current in medical readiness, dental readiness, fitness test, and security clearance (I don't consider the ancillary training part of ARCNet a duty readiness issue, per se). It makes everyone's life easier — yours, ours, and the Regular Component unit you're assigned to. Not being GREEN in ARCNet will adversely affect your ability to come on and stay on Military Personnel Appropriation (MPA) man-days. It's your contract with your nation as a member of the Air Force Reserve. Complete your annual duty requirements and be ready to come to duty if called upon.

2) **FLU SHOTS!** Along those same lines, here's your first notice for the 2016-2017 flu season: flu immunization is an annual requirement. If you don't get your flu shot for next year by 31 Dec 2016, you will go into a no-pay/no-points status, as directed by the AFRC/CV. And that's no good. That simply means that Air Force Reserve Command has given you a deadline, and because you haven't met it, AFRC doesn't want you participating until you do. Again, it just makes life unnecessarily difficult for everyone.

3) **WE ARE ALL RECRUITERS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Folks, we have a bucket load of vacancies, especially in the intel career fields. Overall IMA manning at ACC is 92%. At AFSOC it's 81%, CENTCOM it's 85%, SOCOM it's 79%, and SOUTHCOM is at 67%. That's a significant under-execution of training budgets, and do you know what happens when government organizations don't spend their budgets? Instead of being praised for cutting costs, government organizations, especially the military, lose their funding. In the IMA program that translates to potential cutting of billets that MAJCOMs and COCOMs have deemed as valid requirements. And I have yet to meet anyone who believes their organization has all the manpower it needs. So help us bring great people you know into your organizations. You all know people on active duty and in other Reserve organizations. Tell them what a great deal being an IMA is and let's get hiring!

4) **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Det 6 is here to help you manage the pitfalls of being an Individual Reservist. You can say IMA stands for I Am Autonomous, but not I Am Alone. Communicate with us and we'll do what we can to help make your service enjoyable and rewarding. Just know that we're all in this military bureaucracy, and occasionally (OK...often) there are rules we're charged with enforcing, dumb as some of them may be. Just know that we're not intentionally making your life harder. In fact, my staff knows that my intent is for Det 6 to help you avoid red tape where possible. But often, especially in the orders process, there are systemic barriers to efficiency outside of our control.

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Lastly, as IMAs you are the epitome of Service Before Self. You are all here voluntarily in a demanding part-time career, often traveling away from your families, sometimes of your own expense, all just to continue to wear the uniform of the great Air Force the world has ever seen and to defend the freedom and liberty of the United States of America. You are all a part of a noble calling and I thank you for all that you do!

It's a privilege to serve with you.

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### Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board (RDEDB):

Congratulations to the following members on their AY16-17 school selection!

Maj Bobbit, Maj Diaz, Maj Phillips, and Maj Powell (Air Command Staff College), and Maj Sullivan, (Army Staff College).

### 1 Nov/Dec/Jan 2015/16 Enlisted Promotions:

Congratulations to the following members on there recent promotion!

SMSgt Amy Kanawi, SMSgt Peter Winetroub, TSgt Nicholas Gregorio, MSgt Patricia Hudson, TSgt Danielle Szymczyk, TSgt Michael McDade, SMSgt Shawn Eck, MSgt Bernard Listeman, MSgt Melvin Teartt, MSgt Christopher Gurba, MSgt Raquel Ramos, MSgt Timothy Pickett, TSgt Sebastian Fajardo, TSgt Kristina Anderson and MSgt Terrick L. Turner

### IR Spotlight

Our Det 6 IMA spotlight is on Lt Col Jonathan “Mace” Mason who recently participated in the 6th Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Military Games (2-11 Oct 15) that occurs every 4 years. He qualified to represent the USA Triathlon team in June by taking 1st in the Masters Division (40+ years old) at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championships in Hammond, IN. From that race, he was selected as one of the Top-6 athletes for the Elite Division (Men and Women) and Top-3 Masters (Men and Women) with 17 other triathletes from all four services to comprise Team USA Triathlon.



These games occurred in South Korea, and there were over 7,000 athletes representing 100+ countries in 24 sporting events. For Team USA, there was a delegation of over 200+ athletes, coaches, and staff in 16 sports. There were three Athletic Villages spread out across the entire southern section of the peninsula. The Triathlon (10 Oct) consisted of swimming a 1500 meter ocean swim, cycling 40 kilometers, and running 10 kilometers was set in a very remote location near Pohang, ROK, and was very competitive with well over 1/3 of the participants being contenders for the 2016 Rio Olympics. In the Masters Division, Lt Col Mason placed 3rd (Bronze) and also helped his Master Mixed Team place 3rd (Bronze) as well. All in all, Team USA won 17 medals in all sports.

In the end, Lt Col Mason wanted others to know that he thanks the Det 6 staff as well as his assigned unit for helping him be able to participate in this great event.