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Det 6 Force Development Briefs

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From the Commander:



We are fast approaching the busy summer season when a large swath of our IMA population performs a lot of their duty. With that in mind I'd like to draw your attention to a few relevant topics that might be helpful to you.

Annual Training Orders Requests: In order to obligate funding for the last 4 months of the FY, AFRC mandates that all annual tour requests be submitted in AROWS-R by 31 May. The risk you take by not meeting that deadline is that funding could theoretically not be available for your AT, resulting in a bad year for participation. As of this writing we do not know if Congress will pass an actual budget or if the military will operate under a Continuing Resolution for the rest of the year, but if it's a CR then there will likely be funding scarcity as the FY comes to a close. So meet the deadline for your AT requests.

Continuing Resolution Ends 28 April: Speaking of the CR, the current one ends 28 April. If you read congressional testimony of our senior military leadership, you'll know that they tell Congress that continual CRs is no way to run a railroad. The result of operating under the CR is that commanders only know what their real budget is up until the end date. Personally, I have no idea what my budget will be 29 April—30 September, and neither does anyone else. And that makes planning a little difficult. What it means to you is that for the next couple weeks, your AT or school tour orders may not be able to be published. If you're on an MPA tour, or expecting to be, it might be shortened or cut altogether. The military will have funding to operate with on 29 April, but we just don't know how much. So just be aware this could all go smoothly, or it could go ugly. The good news is this is the 8th year in a row we've had a CR. It's only been ugly in 2 of them.

RIO Connect App: I'd like to put in a plug for the new, highly improved RIO Connect app, available for iPhone and Android. It's a wonderful resource with a wealth of information, including informational videos, checklists, contact information for when you're on the go, and most importantly, this newsletter. Download it, get familiar with it, and then like us on Facebook.

Customer Service Survey: Every AFRC IMA will soon be receiving a customer service survey, if you haven't received it already. For Det 6, the survey will come from me personally. Please give us your honest feedback, both bad and good. We're not perfect, and we make mistakes once in a while, but I hope you believe we are looking out for you, the IMA, every day, trying to make your busy lives easier given the bureaucratic system we have to operate in.

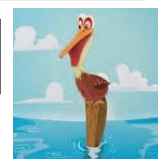
Thanks to each and every one of you for your continued service to this nation. You're the personification of Service Before Self, volunteering to continue to wear the uniform in this part time career. All the best to you.

Col Clif Stargardt

Commander, HQ RIO Detachment 6



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1 March 2017 Enlisted Promotions:

MSgt Jessica Helgerson (625 ACS)

TSgt Joel Rodriguez (CENTCOM)

MSgt Crissy Nelson (USAF Warfare CTR)

TSgt Nicholas Hughes (SOCOM)

SSgt Catherine Hass (CENTCOM)

1 April 2017 Enlisted Promotions:

CMSgt Melissa Mull (544 ISRG)

TSgt Eric Cardwell (1 SOCES)

SMSgt Jessica Meri (SOCOM)

TSgt Garrett Colton (1 SOCES)

TSgt Mark Thompson (70 ISRG)

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IR Spotlight

CMSgt Sprout is currently an IMA assigned to the 27th Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron as the IMA to the Fire Chief. He performs duty at Cannon Air Force Base providing continuity of the operation in the Fire Protection flight in the absence of his active duty Incumbent. He manages the fire protection flight and is the Incident Commander during Aircraft/Structural fires, Hazardous Materials Incidents, and Medical emergencies at Cannon Air Force Base and Melrose Air Force Range. CMSgt Sprout spent the first six years nine months of his career at McChord Air Force Base, Washington and Wallace Air Station, Philippines as a firefighter. After his first term, in 1992, he separated from active duty and began service as a Citizen Airman and a Department of Defense Civilian employee. Over the next 23 years he was assigned to the 62d then 627th Civil Engineer Squadron at McChord Air Force Base/Joint Base Lewis McChord. During this time CMSgt Sprout was brought on active duty nine times to provide coverage to the department while his active duty incumbent was deployed. In 2015 he was selected for assignment at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. For the last four months of 2016 CMSgt Sprout was the Acting Fire Chief at Cannon providing operational continuity and leadership to the flight between active duty Fire Chiefs. In his civilian employment he works for the Department of the Navy at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Northwest at Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor, Washington as a GS-12 Realty Specialist. He provides support to the Navy for a Region covering 11 states, by preparing Acquisitions, Leases, Licenses and Permits for the installations in his area of responsibility, enabling the Mission. CMSgt Sprout's wife is a personal care aid to their 19 year old Autistic son also raising their three year old son at home. His daughter is a freshman in high school and part of the swim team, going to the Washington State Swim Meet her Freshman year. She is also a swimmer with the University Place Aquatics Club and swims events throughout the Pacific Northwest regularly. Their oldest son is a truck driver for a dairy in the local area.



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Personal philosophy: What can I do to make what you do easier