



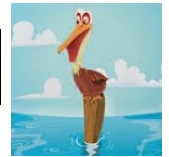
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## RIO Detachment 6— The Pelican Brief



### From the Commander:

Hello again, Citizen Airmen! I hope you all made it through the busy holiday season without too much undue stress as you try to juggle your civilian, AF, family, and other various lives. Spring has sprung here in Tampa, FL, but as I write this looking out the window at sunny skies, light winds, and a perfect 74 degrees, I see winter is still pounding the Midwest. Bummer.

The point of emphasis I want to make for this newsletter is **orders requests**. The process for coming onto Annual Tour, Military Personnel Appropriation, or School Tours is inefficient from the standpoint that a) we (RIO writ large) are probably undermanned for the volume of orders requests we process each year, and b) the process has 4 or 5 touch-points where a mere day or two at each one potentially causes you to be stressed out trying to get travel reservations while sitting at your civilian job at 4PM on a Friday so you can get where your AF unit needs you on Monday. And that's no fun for anyone. So help us help you by submitting your request **at least 2-3 weeks** out from when you need to travel. Lately we're finding that the biggest time sink in getting orders processed is a result of having to go back to IMAs for information or corrections to requests, and that taking a good 4-5 working days. From then on, generally speaking, the requests get turned in 1 day at Det 6, a couple days at the Orders Specialist, and a couple days at HQ RIO Financial Management. And if you need orders 4 weeks ahead of time for your civilian employer, don't submit a request 4 weeks + 1 day and then complain about not getting orders in time to notify your civilian employer.

We understand once in a while mission will dictate a short orders request timeline — but that's the uncommon exception, not the rule. But you should be communicating that to us directly, not just submitting a request in AROWS and expecting a 2-3 week process to suddenly accelerate. As IMAs, if your part of the orders request is locked down and air tight, and we're still having issues, then I can definitively point to a cause that's within the HQ RIO process. So just help us help you in that regard. It'll make your IMA life easier. Thanks again for your continued service and all you do.

### February 2016 Enlisted Promotions:

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotion!  
 MSgt Alexander Larsen  
 TSgt Tyler Watkins

### Uniform Replacement Process:

The Individual Reservist Clothing Replacement process has changed to better serve the IR Community. IRs will now submit a self-service ticket via myPers (<https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/login/redirect/home>) utilizing the 'Incidents/Message'. Please ensure to include the required AF Form 656. An automated email will be sent to the HQ RIO Integration Cell to perform quality checks and sign as required. Please reference the Standard Operating Procedure ARPC/FM-002, Individual Reservist (IR) Clothing Replacement Process, for detailed information and procedures. This document can be found on the HQ RIO website, under the 'Resources' tab, <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/Home/HQRIO.aspx>

### Reduced Reserve Retirement Age

The Fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 647 amended Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12731, and also reduced eligibility age for receipt of Reserve retired pay by three months for each aggregate (cumulative) of 90 days of qualifying active duty performed within a fiscal year. The effective date of the law was Jan 29, 2008 and it does not have a retroactive clause for any periods of service before this date. Please note that eligibility age cannot be reduced below age 50. For more information regarding this program to include specific eligibility requirements, benefits, and how to apply, please log on to myPers at: [https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/14268/p/16,18/c/712](https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/14268/p/16,18/c/712)

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