



RIO Detachment 6— The Pelican Brief



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From the Commander:

ALONE? YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG.

We've all heard it before: IMA stands for I'm Alone. When I was interviewing for the position of HQ RIO/Det 6 commander, I told the interview panel that I wanted "to erase I'm Alone from the vernacular." That meme has been around for a long time, and it needs to go the way of the dinosaur in this interconnected world we live in. More to the point, the reputation of the IMA program needs to change so that the meme does, because no member of the US Air Force should ever feel alone. But reputations and perceptions don't change overnight, and I've seen evidence that change in that perception is taking place.

Now, as I've said in countless Newcomers Briefings, at Combined Training Assemblies, Town Halls, in previous newsletters, and other correspondence, Det 6 is here to serve you. So if you're having issues with the Reserve Pay Office, IMA Travel Office, your active duty leadership, or whatever, and you can't resolve the issue dealing with them directly, elevate it to us and let us help. And if you feel you're not getting the help you need from my staff, elevate it to the Superintendent or me. Det 6 IMAs are not my customers, you're my Airmen.

But you have an entire network on the active duty/OPCON side as well. Every unit-level organization is required to have an additional duty Unit Reserve Coordinator (URC) whose job is to be the administrative function touchpoint from the AFR, especially the HQ RIO detachments. We correspond with URCs a lot. Of course you'll have your active duty supervisor who should be helping you figure out how to get the most value out of your duty time, treating you just like one of their own AD troops, providing performance feedback, and rating you on your OPR/EPR. Your supervisor will then have a commander, and if you're in a MAJCOM or COCOM, you'll have a Section Commander or Air Force Element Commander, respectively. In addition, and critically important, in Numbered Air Forces, centers, and in directorates on MAJCOM staffs, you'll have a Reserve Advisor or senior IMA. The vast majority of RAs and senior IMAs are Colonels. Their primary responsibility is to advise the active duty on how best to utilize Reserve Component forces in the planning and execution of the organization's mission. However, for you, they are Reserve brethren orbiting in the top levels of your organization. They are a critical resource if you're having issues within your active duty organization that you need help with. Get to know your RA and senior IMAs, and, more importantly, let them get to know who you are. They are a critical node in your Reserve network within the MAJCOM/COCOM/NAF/Center staff that you're working on.

So with your RIO dets, URCs, supervisors, commanders, Reserve Advisors, and senior IMAs in your organization all there to help you perform and succeed, how can you ever be alone?

Thanks for all you do serving our nation and the United States Air Force.

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1 May 2017 Enlisted Promotions:

SSgt Alexzandria Aguirre (SOCOM)
TSgt Jesse Bussard (AFSOC)
TSgt Nataly Deniz-Jimenez (99 SFS)
TSgt Amanda Newenham (CENTCOM)
TSgt Sonny Regan (CENTCOM)

MSgt Sonny Carbal (CENTCOM)
MSgt Troy Shramek (325 SFS)
SMSgt Corey Keggerreis (70 OSS)

1 Jun 2017 Enlisted Promotions:

CMSgt Dawn Ulmen (ACC/A2)
SMSgt Jeffrey Strazzere (CENTCOM)
MSgt Allison Austin (CENTCOM)
TSgt Miguel Austin (1 SOCES)
TSgt Brendan Burbrink (99 SFS)

TSgt Adam Heath (CENTCOM)
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IR Spotlight

First Lieutenant Archibong is currently an IMA assigned to the 11th Special Operations Intelligence Squadron as a Missions Operations Commander. He performs duty at Hurlburt Field Air Force Base as a Mission Commander, providing continuity of the operation and experience as an Intelligence analyst. He manages personnel and mission execution for multiple Areas of Responsibility. Lieutenant Archibong began his career at Hill Air Force Base as an Air Transportation Specialist. In his 5 years there, he supported Air Terminal operations loading Personnel, Cargo and Equipment on cargo Aircrafts. After his first term, he cross-trained to become a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst, and was assigned to the 30th Intelligence Squadron at Langley Air Force Base. He has also served on assignments at 6th Intelligence Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea, as a Imagery Mission Supervisor, and finally at 11th Special Operations Intelligence Squadron, as a intelligence Analyst. There, he separated from active duty, commissioned as an Intelligence Officer, and enrolled the IMA program.



Lieutenant Archibong has completed multiple deployments in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. He has also completed his BSC in professional Aeronautic from Embry Riddle Aeronautical university, and two Master's degrees one in Intelligence Studies and a second masters in Organizational Management. He is a vocal advocate for his Airmen to pursue higher education and embody the whole person concept. In his civilian employment he works as a contract Intelligence Analyst supporting Headquarters United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. There, he provides subjective solutions to problem sets in support to military operations for a region spanning 27 countries across 4 million square miles.

Personal philosophy: Pay the price today; so you can play tomorrow