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## ABOUT HQ RIO

The Headquarters Readiness and Integration Organization (HQ RIO) is located at Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado. Its mission is to seamlessly integrate wartime-ready Individual Reserve forces to meet Air Force and Combatant Commander requirements.

HQ RIO standardizes the processes for the Individual Reserve (IR) program. The IR force is comprised of Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA), who are accountable to the Air Force Reserve Command and assigned to funded, active component positions, and Participating Individual Ready Reservists (PIRR), who participate for points towards retirement only. There are more than 2,700 enlisted members and more than 4,500 officers in the IR. IMAs and PIRRs support more than 50 major commands, combatant commanders and government agencies.



Watch the "What is the Individual Reserve" video on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/r0bMSNnYhUE>.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### IMAs must submit all IDTs for FY20 in UTAPS by August 15

Per AFI 36-2254, vol. 1, para. 4.2.1.2., IMA members will develop a schedule of IDTs with their supervisors no later than (NLT) 15 August for the upcoming FY. All IDT periods for both IMA and PIRR members must be approved in advance, in writing, by the member's supervisor with an information copy to the appropriate assigned program manager, prior to the member performing any IDT period. For more information go to <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1895799/imas-must-submit-all-idts-for-fy20-by-august-15/>

### Preparing for the possibility of a busy hurricane season

The hurricane season is upon us and it stretches from 1 June to 30 November. Now is a good time to bolster preparedness and review lessons learned after Hurricane Michael devastated parts of the United States last year. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center is predicting 9 to 15 named storms this year, of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes. The possibility of 2 to 4 major hurricanes this year is a very real expectation according to the NOAA. For more information go to <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1896217/preparing-for-the-possibility-of-a-busy-hurricane-season/>

### VA to decrease SGLI rates effective July 1

Good news for service members' wallets! Effective July 1, 2019, the SGLI premium rate is decreasing. If you have coverage now, nothing will change except the price will be lower. Premiums are dropping \$4 per month for those with maximum coverage. SGLI is available in \$50,000 increments, up to a maximum of \$400,000. For more information go to <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1888508/va-to-decrease-sgli-rates-effective-july-1/>

### HQ ARPC announces CY20 ARC Selection Board schedule

The Calendar Year 2020 Air Reserve Component Selection Board Schedule was released by the Selection Board Secretariat, under ARPCM 19-12, dated June 12, 2019. ARPCM 19-12 can be found on myPers as well as the ARPC/PBO restricted access site. For more information go to <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1892511/hq-arpc-announces-cy20-arc-selection-board-schedule/>

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know?

During this busy season it is imperative that all military pay or travel pay requests for action be routed through myPers at the following link: <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/HQRIO>. Select the Pay or Travel button and follow the instructions on the web page.

The myPers case management system will ensure customer submissions are verified, tracked, and executed within measurable timelines to ensure quality customer service. If you have grossly aged items, please contact your assigned detachment with your myPers ticket number. The Det will contact HQ RIO for oversight/updates.

Please be advised that submitting incorrect/incomplete packages, omitting key supporting documents, or delayed responses to follow-up requests from technicians will delay your final reimbursement. For IR Travel submissions, be sure to utilize the checklists in the Travel Companion. <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/Portals/4/DRIO/RIO-IR-Travel-Guide.pdf>

Key training and required submission documentation can be found on the RIO Connect App and on the [HQ RIO Website](#).



### Refer a friend to the Air Force Reserves

The Get1Now Program is a great way to keep the Air Force Reserve strong. Reservists can refer people they believe will make a great addition to the Air Force Reserve. Once a referral is verified as a qualified lead, the Reservist becomes eligible for one of many prizes. Visit the Get1Now website for info on how to refer candidates and to see the various prizes available at [www.Get1Now.us](http://www.Get1Now.us).

## Navigating the retirement application process

Retiring from the Air Force Reserve is a significant, emotional event, filled with anticipation and uncertainty. Because Airmen only retire once in their lifetime, they have no past experience to serve as a resource, and typically learn what is required as they go through the process.

There are basic foundational requirements that must be met before beginning this process, therefore, it is important for Airmen to ask themselves a few questions. First, do I have a 20-year verification letter confirming I am eligible to apply for retirement pay? Second, did I serve on a deployment for 90 days or more or serve in a capacity that allows me to apply for a reduced retirement pay age? Finally, what is needed to apply for retirement pay?

When Airmen have answered these questions they will be better prepared to navigate the application process.

HQ ARPC has developed two web-based applications located within the Virtual Personnel Center (vPC) that simplifies the process for retirees applying for retired pay; whether at age 60 or a reduced retirement pay age, if eligible. Eligibility for a reduced retired pay age is dependent on qualifying periods of service.

The RRPA application, within vPC, automatically screens service data for qualifying and non-qualifying periods of service. It then displays the available data and allows retirees to review for accuracy. If the data is inaccurate, it allows for submission of relevant documentation in order to correct inaccuracies contained in the record that effect the eligibility date of pay. No longer do retirees have to submit every set of orders for a deployment or extended tour qualifying for a reduced retirement pay age.

HQ ARPC introduced the retirement pay application in April to streamline the process for applicants. Now retirees are able to submit the required DD Form 2656, via the web, as the application navigates the retiree through the process; reducing errors and preventing incomplete submissions.

The retirement application process culminates when the member receives a retirement order which allows them to apply for healthcare benefits under Tricare. The retirement order is simultaneously sent to DFAS to establish a pay account for disbursement upon the retiree effective pay date.

HQ ARPC strives to provide exceptional service at all stages of the Airman Lifecycle. For more information and instructional videos on the retirement process visit [www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/) and send your feedback to [arpc.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:arpc.pa@us.af.mil).

## Heroes of the Air Force Reserve



We have officially re-launched our “Get One Now” Peer Referral Program. It is now the “Share Your Adventure” Peer Referral Program.

I would like to encourage you to be a part of this program. All Reserve Citizen Airmen and Air Force Reserve civilians can participate and help our nation’s best and brightest join the Air Force Reserve team.

Through the Share Your Adventure website ([shareyouradventure.us](http://shareyouradventure.us)) and the free Share Your Adventure mobile app, you can refer potential recruits to the Air Force Reserve. Reservists and civilians who participated in the Get One Now program will be able to login in using their existing Get1 Now username and password. (New users will need to create an account.)

You can refer anyone: a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or a relative. Once your potential recruit becomes qualified, you will be eligible for incentive awards!

You understand what it’s like to be part of the Air Force Reserve, and you know those who have what it takes to join our ranks.

So, share your story with future Citizen Airmen and invite them to be a part of the Air Force Reserve team. Help us find exceptional men and women who wish to serve our Nation in air, space, and cyberspace.

**RICHARD W. SCOBEE**  
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## RIO Connect Mobile Wingman App

The RIO Connect Mobile Wingman App is the official mobile app of the Headquarters Readiness and Integration Organization (HQ RIO)





## UPDATE: Changes coming to G.I. Bill Transfer of Education Benefits for Guard and Reserve

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Applicable to: Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve

Changes that will become effective January 12, 2020

All changes will be included in the next rewrite of Air Force Instruction 36-2649, Voluntary Education Program.

NOTE: PLEASE DISREGARD MESSAGE IF YOU HAVE EXECUTED A TRANSFER OF POST-9/11 GI BILL EDUCATION BENEFITS AND FILLED THE REQUIRED SERVICE COMMITMENT. Follow this link to review your current GI Bill transfer record: DMDC

Effective January 12, 2020, the Department of Defense will issue a change per Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1341.13, Post-9/11 GI Bill, updating policy on the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) by Service members to eligible dependents. Changes are intended to more closely align transferability with its purpose and to underscore that while the Post-9/11 GI Bill is a transition/adjustment benefit offered as a reward to Service members during a time of conflict.

Changes in effect beginning July 2018

Service members must be eligible to be retained for four years from the date of their election to transfer benefits, and NOT be precluded from serving for four more years prior to approval of their election by either standard policy (Department or Uniformed Service) or statute. If there are reasons that preclude a Service member from committing to four years of service, they are not eligible to apply for transfer of his or her benefits (i.e. mandatory retirement date, high-year tenure, retention control point, and those who are not medically qualified).

Service members with a previously approved transfer request are separated under "force shaping" authorities and policies prior to completing their required four years of service resulting from the transfer of education benefits, retain their eligibility to transfer benefits. Effective immediately, the scope of "force shaping" was expanded to expressly include officers involuntarily separated as a result of being twice passed over for promotion (strict stipulations apply), and enlisted Service members being separated under Service high-year tenure policies or a change in these policies unless separated at high-year tenure subsequent to reduction in rank through administrative demotion, non-judicial punishment or court martial.



To transfer benefits, please see Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer Step-by-Step Instructions

Eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits will be limited to service members with at least six years, but not more than 16 years, of total creditable service. The determination of Service members' total years of creditable service will be based on the date of the member's TEB application, not the date the request is approved.

Requires Service members who have not applied for TEB, who are on limited duty or involved in a Medical Evaluation Board, Physical Evaluation Board, or Disability Evaluation System process to wait until the process is complete before applying for transferability.

Requires Service members who applied for TEB, but were denied due to insufficient retainability as a result of being on limited duty or involved in a Medical Evaluation Board, Physical Evaluation Board, or Disability Evaluation System process to request transferability again once they are fit for duty and commit to an additional four-year service obligation.

Members subsequently found fit for duty, but only after having accrued more than 16 years of total creditable service, will be allowed to apply to TEB again, provided the member applies to TEB within 90 days of being informed of the fit for duty determination.

Service members who have not applied, and who are subsequently found unfit for duty (with a medical separation/retirement order) - but otherwise eligible to request to transfer their benefit (have six years), may NOT be approved for transferability with no additional service obligation.

Service members seeking additional information are encouraged to visit myPers or call the Total Force Service Center at 1-800-525-0102.