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What does PIRR mean?

By Capt. Kimberly Champagne
RMG Public Affairs

After Oct. 1, Individual Mobilization Augmentees affected by Program Budget Decision 720 will start a new chapter in their military careers, as Participating Individual Ready Reservists.

What is the PIRR?

It is a subset of the Individual Ready Reserve. Members are Ready Reservists who are not in the Selected Reserve. However, they are subject to active-duty Air Force recall by the President or Congress in time of national emergency or war.

Members of the PIRR do not receive funded annual tours or inactive duty tours, but can be paid for Military Personnel Appropriation tours and some Reserve Personnel Appropriation tours.

How can a PIRR earn a "good year?"

Fifty participation points are needed to have a good year. Fifteen membership points are given for satisfactory participation. The other 35 points are earned

through paid MPA or RPA tours, non-paid IDTs or active duty for special work tours with approval of the Readiness Management Group commander. Some of the 35 points can be earned by completing authorized Air Force Extension Course Institute correspondence courses. Members may also volunteer for Air Expeditionary Force rotations, with commander approval.

How would a member apply to the PIRR?

Members must submit an Air Force Form 1288, Application for Ready Reserve Assignment, and an Air Reserve Personnel Center Form 22, Individual Reserve Unit of Attachment Agreement, to their program manager or base IMA administrator. The Form 1288 assigns members to the PIRR, and the Form 22 attaches members to the location where annual training will be accomplished.

Converting from PBD 720-affected coverage status to PIRR is not automatic. Members must apply and secure an active duty unit of attachment before Oct. 1, or they will

be transferred to the IRR. Some colonels in the PIRR may attach to reserve units with the approval of Air Force Reserve Command Senior Leader Management.

What are PIRRs' entitlements?

Members receive reimbursement for lodging for non-paid IDTs. They also receive Servicemembers Group Life Insurance coverage unless they decline it. If they are working for points only, the SGLI will continue to accrue a debt which can be paid by mailing monthly payment along with a copy of the monthly LES showing the debt.

Members can receive TRICARE while on orders. Dependents are also eligible if the orders exceed 30 days.

Members are not eligible for bonuses, Aviation Career Incentive Pay/ Crew Enlisted Flight Incentive Pay, TRICARE Reserve Select and the Montgomery GI Bill Kicker.

How does a member of the PIRR get promoted?

Officers are eligible for

promotion under mandatory promotion boards. Enlisted personnel are eligible for promotion up to E-5 under vacancy promotion. They are eligible for promotion to E-6 under the Extended Promotion Program after 16 years of satisfactory service. Grades E-6 to E-9 are promoted through the Promotion Enhancement Program.

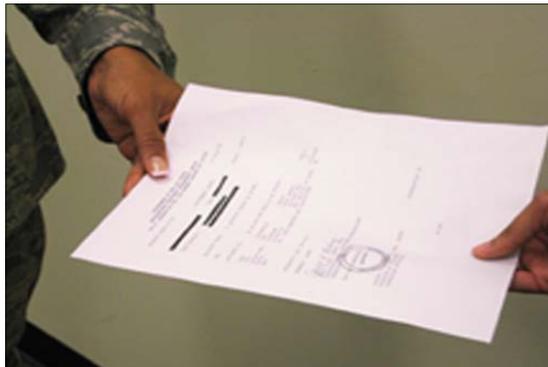
What are PIRR members' readiness requirements?

Members must have an annual fitness test, a current security clearance and an annual Reserve Component Physical Health Assessment with both medical and dental examinations.

How are rated and career enlisted aviator members affected?

Upon entering the PIRR, members are administratively disqualified from aviation services, per Air Force Instruction 11-402, paragraph 3.7.9.2. (Aviation Service Code - 00).

For more information contact your Program Manager or Base IMA Administrator.



Above is a sample of orders approximately 250 Individual Reservists will receive this week, transferring them to the Individual Ready Reserve program. Photo by Capt. Kimberly Champagne

Did you make an election?

By Capt. Kimberly Champagne
RMG Public Affairs

Individual Mobilization Augmentees who lost their slots in Program Budget Decision 720 and did not request transfer to a participating Reserve category will receive orders this week transferring them to the Individual Ready Reserve. As of Oct. 2, they will no longer be entitled to participate for pay or points.

Time is running out, but some opportunities may still be available for members who want to continue to serve. They must elect to join a participating organization, such as a traditional reserve unit, Air National Guard unit, or the Participating Individual Ready Reserve.

Interested IMAs need to contact their program manager or base IMA administrator as soon as possible, and before Sept. 30.

PIRRs may be eligible for GI Bill

By Senior Master Sgt. John Glenn
RMG Training Superintendent

Members of the Participating Individual Ready Reserve Program may be eligible for the Active Duty Montgomery GI Bill, Chapter 30, based on their prior active duty service.

“If PIRR program members invested in the GI Bill when they were on active duty, they are still entitled to that benefit,” said Maj. Chuck Pittman, Readiness Management Group director of personnel.

The MGIB is made up of four chapters. Post 9/11

Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008, Chapter 33, is the most recent addition to the benefit.

It does not take effect until August 2009, and has the following requirements.

Members must have served at least 30 days of continuous active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001 and been discharged due to a service-connected disability, or served an aggregate of 90 days of active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, and been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces.

Chapter 1606 is the MGIB Selected Reserve

basic benefit or kicker. This is not available to PIRRers because members must be participating for pay and points in the Selected Reserve to be eligible. They must also meet other eligibility requirements, according to Air Force Reserve Command Instruction 36-2301, paragraph 1.1.5 and Department of Defense Instruction 1322.17, paragraph 6.1., Title 10, U.S. Code.

Reservists who become part of the PIRR or Individual Ready Reserve will be terminated from the Basic 1606 and kicker. If members are in their ini-

tial six-year enlistment (the one rendering them eligible for the benefit) and they enter the PIRR or IRR, recoupment action will be taken.

If members have completed their initial six-year enlistment, no recoupment action is necessary.

Chapter 1607 of the MGIB is the Reserve Education Assistance Program.

Members of the PIRR may be eligible for this chapter if they were called to active duty in support of a contingency while serving in the IRR (other than Selected Reserve). They must serve 90 con-



To learn more about the Montgomery GI Bill eligibility call 1-888-442-4551 or visit www.gbill.va.gov.

secutive days or more and will remain eligible for Chapter 1607 if they return to the IRR after the call-up.

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Guidance about PHAs

Individual Reservists (Individual Mobilization Augmentees and Participating Ready Reservists) must have an annual Physical Health Assessment, according to Air Force Instruction 48-123.

Flying personnel will accomplish their PHAs annually, during their birth month. All aviators must have an in-person interview with the flight surgeon annually. The PHA completion date is the date of this “health record review.”

Non-flying personnel must accomplish their PHA 12 months after the date of the last PHA; it is not linked to the birth month.

In rare cases, such as deployment, unexpected TDY or emergency leave, individuals may exceed 12 months since their last PHA. If a member is scheduled for deployment and it is reasonably expected that the PHA may come due during the deployment, every effort should be made to perform the PHA prior to the deployment.

LOD reminders

To help members pay their medical bills, the Air Force Re-

serve Command Surgeon General requires each step of a Line of Duty determination to be completed in seven work days. Members can assist in expediting the process by providing complete medical documentation of when the injury or disease was first determined, as well as a definitive diagnosis. “Suffering pain” is not considered a diagnosis.

Members must also provide a copy of orders, Unit Training Assembly Processing System printout, or Air Force Form 40A to show member was in military status. A police report is needed if a motor vehicle accident was involved.

Annual Training requests

Individual Reservists can submit annual tour requests in AROWS-R for fiscal year 2009.

Home addresses must be updated in the virtual Military Personnel Flight before tour requests can be submitted. E-mail addresses must be accurate and monitored regularly to receive timely AROWS notifications.

Supervisor approval is required in order to request rental car, split AT, AT at location other than

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Military disciplinary actions

Commanders and first sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline within the RMG.

There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15, administrative discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate’s Court.

Actions recently reviewed by the RMG legal office for the third quarter (July –Sep) include:

Court-Martial

A Lt. Col. from Det. 12 was found guilty of Article 134 violation in a General Court Martial for wrongfully and knowingly possessing visual depictions of minors under the age of 18 years engaging in sexually explicit

conduct. The member was sentenced to a dismissal, and seven months confinement.

Letter of Reprimand

A Lt. Col. from Det. 11 received a Letter of Reprimand for False Official Statement, Forgery and Fraud.



Grazioli competes at Olympics

Lt. Col. Dominic Grazioli, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee assigned to Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, was a part of the U.S. Shooting Team that competed in the Beijing 2008 Olympics Games. He finished 23rd with a score of 113 out of 125 targets.

He told ESPN, “I wish I had done better. I didn’t shoot up to my capabilities, but overall I’ve enjoyed this [the Olympics].” Colonel Grazioli qualified for the U.S. Olympic team by placing second at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trial in March. He has been part of the Air Force International Trap Team for 20 years.

IMA saves life

Courtesy of 99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Senior Master Sgt. Robin Sword, Individual Mobilization Augmentee at 561st Joint Tactics Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev., quickly jumped into action to rescue a drowning neighbor.

On July 20, she heard a loud noise and saw a commotion at the other end of her apartment complex's swimming pool. Two men were attempting to buoy a third man in the water. They frantically yelled to bystanders for help, and Sword rushed to assist.

She quickly grabbed the unconscious Jaime Lopez by the arms and pulled him out of the pool. She asked if anyone knew how to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and no one there did. Sword immediately began administering CPR to the stranger, who had already started to turn blue. She also instructed some nearby teenagers to call 911 for help.

As Sword worked to revive Lopez, she could hear the water in his lungs and it was obvious this 20-year-old man was in serious condition. She continued to administer CPR and was successful in resuscitating him. She then



Senior Master Sgt. Robin Sword

rolled him on his left side to keep him breathing well. Soon the police arrived and took charge of the situation until the paramedics came. They rushed Lopez to a nearby hospital, where he recuperated for three days.

After Lopez was discharged from the hospital, he profusely expressed his thankfulness to Sword. Her quick thinking and immediate action saved his life when he suffered a near-fatal seizure while in the swimming pool.

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home station and AT being performed during holidays.

Annual tour requests are processed by Readiness Management Group Financial Management no earlier than 90 days before tour start date. Direct AROWS questions to your RMG detachment orders specialist.

Credit for up to 130 unpaid points

With the approval of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, the President has signed into law the authorization for reservists to receive credit for up to 130 unpaid points per fiscal year or retirement/retention year.

Headquarters Readiness Management Group will authorize this credit for PIRR and IMA reservists. Members can perform more than 130 unpaid IDT points per year but will only receive retirement credit for up to 130.

Unpaid points must be documented on an Air Force Form 40a signed by the commander, or supervisor if delegated, and faxed to the Point Credit Summary Office at the Air Reserve Personnel

Center at 303-676-6992.

These forms will not be processed by Reserve Pay Offices.

ARPC approves MPA waivers

More than 1,600 reservists will be authorized to stay on active duty after Sept. 30.

Nearly four years ago, reservists through the rank of colonel received permission to serve up to 1,095 man-days of the previous 1,460 days in a rolling four-year calendar.

The program encourages reservists to volunteer and makes service more predictable for them, their families and their employers, according to Ed Turner, a technician in the readiness operations branch of the directorate of manpower and personnel, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command.

"We have numerous volunteers and we want to encourage volunteerism," he said.

The headquarters received more than 2,200 requests for reservists to stay beyond 1,095 man-days this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

For information on waivers, contact the program manager or base IMA administrator.

Pacific IMA wins first in OSI

By Capt. David Wilson
OSI Public Affairs

This month's spotlight focuses on Special Agent (Lt. Col.) Scott Remington, Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the commander, 6th Field Investigations Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan. Agent Remington's outstanding accomplishments earned him the Air Force Office of Special Investigations 2007 Officer IMA of the Year award.

He has mobilized three times: first, in support of Operation Noble Anvil in 1999 with duties at Hanscom AFB, Mass.; second, in support of Operation Enduring

Freedom in 2002 and 2003 with duties at Langley AFB, Va., and a deployment to Thumrait AB, Sultanate of Oman; and third, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006 and 2007 where he was deployed to Iraq and served as the special agent in charge, Irbil Field Office, Strategic Counterintelligence Division, Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

While deployed, Agent Remington led an agile MNF-I CI team in counter-threat operations outside the wire in northern Iraq. He produced more than 200 intelligence products, ten percent of which were assessed as

significant or high-value.

His ability to perform under pressure saved lives when enemy insurgents attacked the 13-man, three-vehicle convoy he commanded. Agent Remington led the team out of the improved explosive device kill zone, removed personnel and critical gear from the destroyed vehicle and returned to base safely.

The colonel coordinated efforts to obtain U.S. Air Force Tactical Security Elements for Initial Tasking Order/Air Tasking Order units. He staffed the first-ever AFOSI concept of operations for conducting outside-the-wire combat sorties with a dedicated security team. Seventy-six personnel form-

ing five teams deployed in December to provide this secure maneuver capability.

Additionally, Agent Remington worked towards embedding analysts and linguists with AFOSI warfighters in the U.S. Central Command. He was responsible for \$10 million in contracts, providing orientation briefs en route and filling analytical gaps. This integrated capability resulted in significant intelligence gains, focusing target packages on high-value insurgent leaders.

In June, Agent Remington was selected to activate and assume interim command of AFOSI's new 9th Field Investigations Squadron at Eglin AFB



SA Scott Remington

Courtesy Photo

and Hurlburt Field, Fla.

In addition to his AFOSI career, Agent Remington has served as a state trooper for 10 years and a police officer in Charleston, S.C., for four years.

Check out the IMA Hot Topics CoP, read the RMG Strategic Plan located at (<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=RC-OT-00-03>), a feedback form is available for inputs on the strategic plan posted at <https://einventions.afit.edu/AFRCSurey/.index.cfm>.