



The RMG CHRONICLE

HEADQUARTERS READINESS MANAGEMENT GROUP, ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA



July 2010

Volume 3 Issue 4

IMA Update p1

RPO Conversion
information p2

New site
for legal help p3

MEMBER
SPOTLite p4

STAFF

Col. Nancy
Zbyszinski
Commander

Capt. Kimberly
Champagne
Chief, Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Gwyn
Pock
Managing Editor

Tech. Sgt.
Christian Michael
Editor

POLICY

The RMG Chronicle is published monthly by RMG Public Affairs. This is an authorized Air Force publication for members of the U.S. armed services. Contents of the RMG Chronicle are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, Departments of Defense or the Air Force. All content is prepared, edited and gathered by PA staff. All photos are Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated. The deadline for all editorial submissions is noon, the 15th of each month. PA can be reached at (478) 327-2419, DSN 497 or by e-mailing rmg.pa@us.af.mil.

The Ultimate Resource for Individual Reservists

IMA UPDATE: Members to train on UTAPS

By Tech. Sgt. Christian Michael
Editor, RMG Chronicle

As the process for managing work and recording pay converts from paper to the online Unit Training Assembly Participation System, it's time to learn how it works.

Headquarters Readiness Management Group Commander Col. Nancy Zbyszinski wants all Individual Reservists to review and complete the UTAPS tutorial immediately.

"The online system is available right now," said Colonel Zbyszinski. "Members should take advantage of this window of time to learn it before they can no longer use the paper system at all."

The tutorial is available through the help menu on the UTAPS front page, which is accessible through the Air Force Reserve Orders Writing System.

UTAPS can be accessed through the Air Force Portal, the Air Force Reserve Order Writing System or by visiting this

link directly at <https://utapsweb.afrc.af.mil/utapsweb>. While the UTAPS staff has spent a lot of time building the program, they are interested in hearing from users on how to improve their system.

"Any suggested changes will be considered," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Mock, superintendent, RMG Financial Management. "All feedback is welcome."

So far, more than 1,500 Individual Duty Training days have been scheduled by members using the new system, and is designed for members to be more self sufficient.

"The Web base has become more of a self service environment," said Chief Mock, who is the RMG point of contact for UTAPS.

More information on the UTAPS system is available on the RMG public Web site at www.afrc.af.mil/library/rmg/program/utaps.asp.

Keep reading the RMG Chronicle for updates in the coming months.

Star struck

Astronaut Michael Fossum works in Space Shuttle Discovery's cargo bay during a mission this summer. The astronaut, an individual mobilization augmentee colonel assigned to the F-16 Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, performed three spacewalks during Discovery's 13-day, 5-million-mile journey in the summer of 2008.



= FINANCE =

RPO Conversion: Phase III

Phase III of the Reserve Pay Office conversion began June 21. This phase draws all Wright-Patterson AFB RPO-based Individual Mobilization Augmentees, Mobilization Assistants and Participating Individual Ready Reservists to the Headquarters Readiness Management Group at Robins AFB. Now in the final phase of the conversion, phases I and II encompassed the movement of members from RPOs at Andrews, Peterson and Schriever AFBs.

This one-year phased test is part of a command-wide requirement to assess and improve operating processes.

All affected members must elect "RMG RPO" as their new RPO in Air Force Reserve Order Writing System.

For more information, contact Customer Support between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST at (478) 327-2385, DSN 497-2385.

Tips & Tricks

Looking for great ways to improve your travel card use? Check out this little booklet available through your local training office and online.



NEWS BRIEFS

New fitness program rules now in effect

The new AFI, Air Force Instruction 36-2905 *Fitness Program*, is now in effect, and all Individual Reservists are advised to review and prepare for its requirements.

In addition to the new AFI, the following revisions apply to IRs.

1) Airmen who earn "Excellent" scores, 90 or above, when testing in all four categories (cardio, AC measurement, push-ups and sit-ups), may test only once a year for tests completed after June 30. Airmen who score an "Excellent" but were medically exempt from testing in one or more of the four categories must still test twice a year.

Note that Airmen must test under the new standards to qualify for the annual retest date. Airmen who score 90 or above in all four categories will retest by the last day of the month, 12 calendar months following the previous "Excellent" test date.

2) Installation commanders have the option to appoint trained Physical Training Leaders to augment the Fitness Assessment Cells when the FAC is not fully staffed. These PTLs will be appointed in writing and must be trained and certified in accordance with AFI 36-2905 released July 1. PTLs will conduct fitness assessments at the installation commander-approved

FAC location and will not test members from their own unit. PTLs will be used sparingly to minimize the additional duty burden on our Airmen. Use of PTLs must be documented for compliance review purposes.

ARCNet Tip: Readiness

The Readiness Dashboard has been a key feature of Air Reserve Component Net since its activation in late 2006. Through it, members can access their own readiness information.

To access individual readiness information, select the tab Readiness > My Readiness Details. Unit information can be found under Readiness > Readiness Reporting. The ARCNet Customer Support Team cannot update any system data, as all information is pulled from other mobility resources in the unit such as Military Personnel Data System.

If a member's readiness information is inaccurate, they should seek out their Base Individual Mobilization Augmentee Administrator to correct that information; medical inaccuracies can be corrected at the clinic and fitness inaccuracies through their local Unit Fitness Monitor or Health and Wellness Center.

To reach ARCNet, visit <https://www.my.af.mil/reservenprod>.

For more info on ARCNet, call (478) 327-0069, DSN 497, or e-mail arcnet@us.af.mil.



New site offers legal assistance

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Next time clients need a will, power of attorney or just have a legal question, they can visit the new Air Force Legal Assistance Web site at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.

The Web site is designed for active duty and reserve component members, retirees and dependents.

Officials created the website to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force legal assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may access the site's features from the comfort of their homes without a common access card.

The site's features include:

--Legal topics: Short papers on

common legal-assistance topics such as wills and family law issues.

--Legal worksheets: Access to online questionnaires for wills, living wills and powers of attorney. After completing the online worksheet, the website provides each client a unique "ticket number." Data entered by clients is secure and may be accessed only after clients visit their local legal office and provide their ticket numbers to legal office officials.

--Online survey: Following a visit to the legal office, clients are encouraged to provide feedback concerning the professionalism and helpfulness of our legal professionals.

--Links to other helpful sites.

= TRAINING =

Seminars help officers complete military education

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. -- Air Force Reserve majors and lieutenant colonels come here in June to start or complete their Air Command and Staff College or Air War College distance learning developmental education.



They attend Air Reserve Component Seminars, which focus on helping Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard officers complete their DE.

They accomplish this through a coordinated, pre-determined schedule of study and testing over the course of one- and two-year increments.

This year 45 lieutenant colonels and 57 majors attended the two-week course June 14-25. The program is offered in two phases for ACSC and three phases for AWC.

Students who were not in the graduation phase will continue to work on course material in preparation for returning and completing the ARCS course in June 2011.

Air Force Reserve officers interested in applying for the June 13-24, 2011, ARCS course can get more details online.

[CLICK HERE](#)

GET GREEN

This girl's gonna give you to the count of three to get green.

Three!!

This ad brought to you by people who don't care about counting, just your readiness status.

MEMBER SPOTLite

I'M A volleyball champion

Capt. Keola Lacar, Air Force Elements Japan, logistics, has been a two-year team captain of the Air Force Volleyball Team, as well as a member of the Armed Forces Team playing in the U.S. Open Nationals in 2007. Below left, the team after receiving the gold medal for this year. Below right, Captain Lacar is recognized for being a member of the Armed Forces All Tournament Team. He currently resides in Okinawa, Japan.



Submitted photos



Strangers no more.

Visit us by searching "HQ Readiness Management Group"