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Air Force Reserve designing new Force Generation Center

From Air Force Link

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.

-- Air Force Reserve planners are designing an organization that will serve as the single path to request and receive, as well as oversee and deliver, Air Force Reserve forces and capability.

Called the "Force Generation Center," the new unit is projected to begin initial operations in October and be up to full speed by the end of 2012, contingent upon Air Force approval.

"The Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command staff is currently working with the Air Staff, through the Air Force strategic basing process, to finalize the Force Generation Center location," said Col. Greg Vitalis, lead planner for this new effort. "The center is expected to increase the availability of Air Force Reserve capability through greater insight into all tiers of Air Force Reserve manpower, streamlined deployment processes, and faster response to Air Force and combatant command requirements."

AFRC officials say this change is based on lessons learned from nearly a decade of combat deployments and responds to the increasing need for operational capability from the Air Force Reserve. Originally briefed at the 2009 fall Corona -- the Air Force summit meeting of four-star generals - this initiative is expected to holistically manage the Air Force Reserve force. This includes tracking unit availability and tempo and timing of Reserve resources, as well as developing better predictability for individual



(U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jeremy Lock)

Senior Airman Jonathan Ordonez, a KC-135 crew chief with the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., prepares to cover an engine after a refueling mission on July 8, 2010, in support of RIMPAC 2010 at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. In the future, Air Force Reserve Command plans to use its new Force Generation Center at Robins AFB, Ga., to identify and fill requirements with reservists. The new way of doing business is expected to give planners better insight on what resources are available and how they will be used.

reservists, their families and their employers.

"This is an exciting opportunity to really take care of our people," said Brig. Gen. William Binger, commander of the new center. "Also, we're building a better partnership with the other Air Force major commands and the combatant commands. We're going to be the one-stop shop to fill war-time taskings."

By creating a single focal point, AFRC officials plan to simplify coordination as well as create stronger partnerships with the other Air Force major commands and the combatant commands.

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= FINANCE =

Uniform entitlement

Instructions in the Individual Reservist Guide delineate rules concerning uniform allowance rules and conditions.

Officers are eligible for an initial uniform allowance, and thereafter must purchase all uniform items at personal expense. Exceptions to this policy include transfer from a sister service to the Air Force Reserve, or once every 2 years if they have served on active duty for 91 or more consecutive days. To obtain the additional allowance, submit an AF IMT 1969, Officer Uniform Allowance Certificate, directly to your Reserve Pay Office.

Enlisted IMAs new to the Air Force are entitled to an initial uniform issue. Those with prior Air Force service with a 90-day or greater break are entitled to a replacement-in-kind issue. Members are entitled to a replacement-in-kind every 3 years of duty. Members with non-serviceable items can have items replaced with proper justification. Members who are within 90 days of ETS are ineligible for uniform issue. If eligible, complete AF Form 656, Clothing Request and Receipt, then e-mail it to afrc.rmgfm@us.af.mil or fax it to (478) 327-2290 DSN 497.

For more details on uniform and other issues, refer to and become familiar with the IR guide. You find the IR guide here: <http://www.afrc.af.mil/mil/shared/media/document/AFD-080408-050.pdf>

NEWS BRIEFS

TRICARE services expanded for Reserve Component

Reserve members and families now have better contingency support through a change in TRICARE offering earlier medical coverage.

Reserve members and their families are now eligible for government-sponsored TRICARE 180 days prior to deployment or 30-day or more set of active duty orders in support of a contingency. This service will be active once members are officially notified by their commander.

The service will also be retroactive, even if the member is notified only 60 or 30 days out.

Members who believe they are eligible should contact their Base Individual Mobilization Augmentee Administrator or detachment program manager to verify their Early Identification Date is entered into the Military Personnel Data System prior to exercising their new TRICARE benefits. Orders do not have to be cut for a member to take advantage, but their information must be updated in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and MILPDS.

If a member is notified of a contingency and he begins TRICARE, and his orders are cancelled for any reason, his care is terminated. Members will not be asked to reimburse TRICARE for services rendered. For more information on these benefits, contact your BIMAA or detachment.

**HQ RMG public site improves UTAPS-Web info**

The Headquarters Readiness Management Group public Web site now has a more comprehensive section to help users transition to Unit Training Assembly Participation System - Web prior to the conversion from paper to electronic.

As of Oct. 1, all Inactive Duty Training planning and logging will occur solely within UTAPS-Web.

The transition to UTAPS-Web is mandatory. In order to receive pay and points for IDTs, IRs and their active-duty supervisors will use UTAPS. Reserve Pay Offices will no longer process

AF Form 40As, *Record of Individual Inactive Duty Training*. Members need to log on to UTAPS-Web immediately to update their IDT projections for the year and personal information. For more information, visit <http://www.afrc.af.mil/library/rmg/program/utaps.asp>.

Blue Star offers free admittance

The Blue Star Museums organization, in conjunction with Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts and more than 750 museums nationwide, offers free admission to military personnel and their families through Sep. 6. Service members must show a Geneva Convention common access card, DD Form 1173 or DD Form 1173-1 identification card for free admittance for themselves and up to five immediate family members.

For more information, visit <http://www.bluestarfam.org/drupal/bluestarmuseums>.

Reserve streamlines call-up process

From Air Force Reserve Command

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve Command officials are proposing comprehensive changes to how reservists are managed and called to active duty based on lessons learned from nearly nine years of combat and surge operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Collectively called "AFR 2012," this series of projects establishes a single organization to access Air Force Reserve capability, streamlines the numbered air force management structure and strengthens Headquarters AFRC expertise in a wide range of new and emerging Air Force missions.

"We are revising our management structures and practices to make it easier for our reservists to volunteer, mobilize and deploy," said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander. "As our Air Force prepares for the future, streamlining how we bring highly capable and cost-effective reservists on to active duty is vital to our nation's defense."

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Air Force and Department of Defense have asked all reserve components to take on an expanded operational role. In the last almost nine years, more

than 32,000 Air Force reservists, representing nearly every Air Force mission area, have volunteered or been mobilized for active duty to fill critical worldwide combat and support requirements.

"AFR 2012 is our vision to enhance the predictability and sustainability of our Reserve force," General Stenner said. "We're going to remove bureaucratic redundancies and barriers to service."

As the first step to redesigning its processes, functions and structures, the Air Force Reserve did an internal review of its headquarters staffs at the Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Headquarters AFRC at Robins AFB; and the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

The most significant organizational change proposed by the Air Force Reserve is a new "Force Generation Center," projected to be fully operational by 2012. This new organization will be the single manager of the readiness, predictability and availability of Air Force Reserve resources. This will include visibility over reservists and Air Force Reserve organizations supporting operational missions as well as developing better predictability for individual reservists, their families and their employers.



= TRAINING =

Online training resource gets major face lift

The Headquarters Readiness Management Group public Web site training page has had a face lift. The renovation helps both the IMA and training manager find resources quickly and efficiently.



The Training Management page has resources specifically for officers and enlisted. Each section is categorized for easy location and use.

Resources include updating educational records, applying for in-residence, correspondence and specialized courses, and upgrading requirements. Members can also find information on boards.

Also available are all up-to-date training-related Air Force Instructions for quick regular Air Force and Reserve!

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New fitness program rules now in effect

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- 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.

MEMBER SPOTLites



(U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stacy Fowler)

Capt. Avonne Rosario, a security forces officer deployed to the 332nd Expeditionary Wing Anti-Terrorism Office, performs kicks during the Red Tail Fitness Center's "Insanity" class July 27, Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Classes like Insanity, P90X, Crossfit, spin cycling and more build up cardiovascular strength, as well as tone and shape muscles. There are about 95 classes a week at the Red Tail starting as early as 3 a.m. or as late as 11 p.m. Captain Rosario, a native of Kansas City, Mo., is an IMA assigned to the 10th Security Forces Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.



Lt. Col. Roger Figueroa, an IMA and student recruiter for the Air Force Academy, flies a sortie in the Mi-17 helicopter simulator with his instructor pilots Qudratullah and Rametullah at the Afghan National Army Air Corps base in Kabul, Afghanistan. While Colonel Figueroa normally acts as a mentor for the Afghan National Army Air Corps 377th Rotary Wing Squadron, he recently was mentored by members of the ANAAC presidential airlift squadron.



(U.S. Navy photo/MC1 Elizabeth Burke)