

Human Resources Command Update

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Summer rotations and OPTEMPO

Many of our officers are on the move!! And, OPTEMPO remains high! Consequently there have been some impacts on our officers necessitating last-minute assignment changes. We realize that this is very stressful and we appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation. The SP professionals have been terrific and are adapting and adjusting to these changes and suspenses in a remarkable fashion. I cannot stress enough that the country is at war and requires that each of us does our part whether it be directly through deployments or in support of our soldiers at home and abroad.

Email--Be Informed

HRC communicates with each of you using your AKO account. We suggest that you forward your AKO account to the work email address that you use most regularly. Some of you may be missing out on important information. Take care of this today!

Army Transformation and Modularity

Many TOE units are reorganizing and changing from an Army based around large, powerful, fixed organizations to an Army designed around smaller, self-contained organizations supported by multifunctional units of action (UA).

These changes are requiring us to fill these new configurations according to a specified timeline. All of this poses some interesting challenges and we are most appreciative of your willingness to work with us. Remember, manning the force to win the nation's wars is paramount.

Voluntary Indefinite Status (VI)

The SP VI list was released May 04. Additionally officers that are on the recently-released Captain's list were granted VI with the promotion to Captain. Everyone must submit an acceptance/declination form to our office within 90 days indicating your decision about VI status. Our office sent emails to everyone that included this form for officers to download, complete and send back to us. Please remember to indicate your choice of do or do not accept VI. We receive many of these forms without the appropriate statement circled.

The VI year starts on the day after your initial Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) ends. For many of you that is a few years from now. Just be

aware that once you begin your VI year, you must serve the entire year. If you choose not to select VI, you must leave the service once your initial ADSO is completed. If you have any questions, please contact us here in the SP Branch.

Officer Advanced Course (OAC) Phase I & II

It is important that LTs and CPTs keep MAJs Syler and Balsemer informed of your status with Phases I and II of the Officer Advance Course. Most of you are aware that there are time limits with the completion of OAC. We need to work with you in order to balance the needs of the entire group. Generally you need to have it completed by the time you go before the Major's board.

It is also important for officers either reporting to or returning from overseas tours to go to the course enroute. You will not be allowed to attend while you are assigned to these locations. Most of the slots that we have during the summer months are used for this purpose.

There is a provision for officers deployed to request waivers to the timelines. You can ask our assistance if you find yourself in this situation.

Please use the attached form to keep your Assignment Officer informed about your OAC plans.

To enroll in Phase I of the Officer Advanced Course go to:
<https://atrrs.army.mil> (GO TO SELF DEVELOPMENT NEAR BOTTOM ON RIGHT SIDE OF PAGE, CLICK ON CONTINUE TO SELF-DEVELOPEMENT, ENTER YOUR SSN & BIRTH DATE, GO TO SELECT COURSE DROP DOWN MENU & LOOK FOR 6-8-C22(DL)). We do not manage the enrollment in this course. Refer all questions and problems to 1-800-344-2380, or DSN: 471-5990/5896.

2005 ASSIGNMENTS

In the past it has been the goal of HRC (Formerly known as PERSCOM) to provide a list of assignment openings approximately one year out. Due to the current world events, OPTEMPO, and unexpected moves/losses, everything is very fluid. Look for potential openings to be listed on the web site some time in August.

AWARDS

The Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) and Global War On Terrorism (GWOT) awards were automatically uploaded into our system here at HRC. If you were eligible for the award you should now see it on your ORB. If you were eligible but don't see the award listed, you should contact your career manager in the SP Branch.

To find out more information about this topic, see the following websites:
KDSM: https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/KDSM_feb04.doc

GWOT: <https://www.perscom.army.mil/tagd/tioh/Awards/GwotServiceMedal.htm>

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

SP officers who have served for a minimum of 10 years with a USAR commission are entitled to wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Since many of our officers complete our training programs, they usually have a USAR commission until they make the grade of MAJOR at which time officers are integrated in the Regular Army (RA).

An hourglass device is authorized for wear on the medal and service ribbon according to the following scheme: Upon completion of the first qualifying ten-year period, a bronze hourglass shall be awarded. Upon the second ten-year period, a silver hourglass shall be awarded.

Once you gather your appropriate documentation (initial DA71, orders to AD and/or your RA DA 71) that indicates you are eligible for this medal because of your 10 years as a USAR officer, go to your local PSB/MILPO so they can update your ORB.

CAS3

The last CAS3 class was April 04. Much of the content of this course has been incorporated into the AMEDD OAC.

ILE

There is still no official word on the implementation of ILE for the AMEDD active officers at this time. As soon as we get more information, we will pass it your way.

FEDEX

Please be advised that FEDEX mail must be screened prior to us receiving it. New mail procedures now create delays in our receiving your mail. PLAN AHEAD!

**AMEDD Officer Advance Course
Enrollment Request Form
Army Medical Specialist Corps**

Please complete this form and send to Human Resources Command PRIOR to submitting your request for enrollment in OAC Phase I. This is a management tool in order to ensure that seats for OAC Phase II are available when requested.

Today's Date _____

Name _____ RANK _____ SSN _____

Date of Rank _____ Email _____

Preference for Phase II class

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Comments _____

Please complete and fax to:
MAJ Balsler or MAJ Syler
703-325-2358

HRC use only

_____ No conflicts noted in Officer's enrollment request. Projected Phase II date _____

_____ Officer's enrollment in OAC Phase I is delayed and will be contacted telephonically by his/her Career Manager.

Signature Date