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FROM THE BRANCH CHIEF

Fellow Acquisition Officers,

Like most of your organizations, HRC will be experiencing significant turnover this summer. I am part of that turnover and wanted to take a moment to thank everyone, share a few insights from my last twelve months as your Branch Chief, and introduce your new Branch Chief.

I have been reminded daily of the significant impact you make across DoD and have been inspired by your selflessness and absolute commitment to the Army. Your Assignment Officers and AMB civilians feel the same and have been equally committed you, your professional development, and personal preferences. Please remember – the more your Assignment Officer knows about your professional and personal preferences the easier it becomes to balance these preferences with the Army's distribution requirements.

Your Senior Leaders care deeply about their organizations and the Army's mission. Senior leaders engage AMB routinely to ensure unit readiness and to take care of officers. They have mentored me on several occasions and are phenomenal mentors for you – do not pass up an opportunity to gain insight and advice from our senior leaders. Stay engaged with both your chain of command and your Assignment Officer about professional development opportunities. Career management is always more effective when the officer, the chain of command, and AMB is working in concert.

As I transition to my next assignment the AMB team is lucky to welcome LTC Joe Hoecherl as the next Chief of AMB. He is a phenomenal officer and has excelled throughout his military career. He is coming from his CSL billet in PEO Aviation. He has previously served at HRC and will absolutely excel as your Branch Chief. Thanks again and I wish all of you the best.

Respectfully, Chris Schneider





I. COL Desk

LTC Jonathan Patrick transitioned from the LTC desk to the Colonel's desk and is serving as the AMB XO. LTC Amanda Flint did a phenomenal job over the past two years at AMB and we wish her well as she assumes command of the 900th Contingency Contracting Battalion at Fort Bragg, NC.

FY15 COL/GS15 CSL SLATE

The CSL slate released on April 30, 2014. The approved CSL slates are available at: https://www.hrc.army.mil/Officer/Centralized%20Selection%20List%20CSL%20Results

From the main page you can select link for the FY15 COL or LTC Acquisition CSL Principals documents to view your individual slating.

Below is information and links for deferments and declinations. If you decide to exercise either one of these options, please contact you Assignment Officer to discuss.

Deferments, https://www.hrc.army.mil/Officer/CSL%20Deferments

- Requests for deferment from command / key billet must be received by HRC Command Management Branch (CMB), with ACOM endorsement, within 60 calendar days of the official slate release date to receive 'deferred principal' status if the request is approved. Approved requests for deferment received after the initial 60 days will remove the officer from the current list, but allow the officer to re-compete for command / key billet during their next eligible year. A disapproved deferment is processed as a declination with prejudice and the officer is no longer eligible for command at any grade level.
- Please see the link above for the three types of deferments.

CSL Declination, https://www.hrc.army.mil/Officer/CSL%20Declinations

- In an effort to clearly establish a commitment on the part of every officer who elects to compete, and to reduce the turbulence on the officer corps that declination after selection causes, all post board declinations will be considered "with prejudice".
- A declination with prejudice eliminates an officer from consideration for all future CSL command or key billet selections (starting with FY15) at any grade level.
- Declination of command or key billet must be submitted in writing through the officer's chain of command, to include an endorsement by the first GO/SES, to the appropriate career management branch in HRC.
- Declining with prejudice eliminates the officer from consideration for all future command or key billet selections.





- Declining with prejudice eliminates the officer from consideration for constructive credit.
- Declination memorandum must include the following sentence:

"I understand this declination is with prejudice and I will no longer be eligible for command at this or the next grade level."

If you need assistance, please contact us: LTC Jonathan Patrick, COLs Assignment Officer (<u>jonathan.m.patrick.mil@mail.mil</u> or 502-613-6148); Mrs. Linda Smith, COLs desk Human Resource Specialist (<u>linda.a.smith1@us.army.mil</u> or 502-613-6209)

II. LTC Desk

MAJ Cornelius Allen (A-K population) and MAJ R. Ramsey Oliver (L-Z population) have fully transitioned to the LTC desk.

Here are a few things for all of you to be on the lookout for in the near future:

• The FY15 LTC Slate released on April 30 and is available at: https://www.hrc.army.mil/Officer/Centralized%20Selection%20List%20CSL%20Results

From the main page you can select link for the FY15 COL or LTC Acquisition CSL Principals documents to view your individual slating. The information on declinations and deferments from the COLs section above applies to LTCs as well. Please reference it as applicable and if you are considering either option, contact your AO first.

- 15-01 Moving Cycle. Mover and Non-Mover messages for the cycle went out, and the Assignment Preference Sheet (APS) for movers will go out in June. Please email your Assignment Officer if you have any questions on the upcoming cycle or did not receive the mover messages.
- FY 14 COL promotion board convenes on May 5, 2014. Results are projected to released in September October time frame. MILPERs 14-031 and Amendment 14-054 may be referenced for additional information.





III. CPT/MAJ Desk

CPT/MAJ Desk

Greetings from the CPTs/MAJs desk here at AMB! In this installment of the newsletter we wanted to highlight a few things to keep you informed and prepare you for what lies ahead in the next few months.

- 15-01 Moving Cycle For Officers with a Year/Month of Availability (YMAV) between 20141001-20150330 received a Mover's Message in March. If you did not receive it please contact your assignment officer. Those that are interested in extensions, curtailments or competing for Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS) should gain approval from your chain of command. The Mover's Message has many details about the moving cycle and you can expect an APS in June.
- Anticipate some new faces at AMB in the near future. MAJs Allen will transition to the LTC desk and join MAJ Oliver. MAJ Shermoan Daiyaan and MAJ Sarah Forster are already onboard. MAJ Marty Plys will make excellent addition; we look forward to welcoming him aboard.
- Lastly, we are quickly moving into a time of great uncertainty for many of you with the OSB, eSERB and various promotion boards on the horizon. If you have any questions please contact us and talk with your chain of command. Career situational awareness is key for your continued success and future in the Army. We are here for you!

IV. USAR Desk

Greeting fellow USAR Acquisition Officers!

Congratulations to the six newly selected MAJs for promotion to LTC.

Congratulations to the newly accessed USAR TPU/IRR/IMA Acquisition Workforce members!!! The panel selected 35 officers to assignment to positions as either 51C or 51A.

The 2014 Reserve Component Training Acquisition Summit was held on 20-23 June 2014 in Atlanta, GA. This is a professional development to discuss current and future initiatives, network and data exchange.





Board Information:

FY14 COL, AGR, Non-AGR, NG Army Promotion List (APL), Competitive Categories, Promotion Selection Boards – Convened 8 Jan 14, MILPER Message #13-248. Results release 15 Apr 2014.

FY15 COL/GS-15 Equivalent Army Acquisition Corps (ACC) Centralized Selection List (CSL) - Command/Key Billet Board - Convened 13 Jan 14, MILPER Message #13-298. Results released 27 Feb 2014.

FY14 LTC Army Promotion List (APL), AGR, Non-AGR, NG, Competitive Categories, Promotion Selection Boards – Convened 13 Jan 14, MILPER Message #13-292. Results released 1 May 14.

FY14 MAJ Army Promotion List (APL), AGR, Non-AGR, NG, Competitive Categories, Promotion Selection Boards – Convenes 10 Mar 14, MILPER Message #13-351. Results TBD FY14 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Release From Active Duty (REFRAD) Board as a Force Alignment Tool - Convenes 14 Jul 14, MILPER Message #14-104.

DAU Training Requirements:

DA Form 4187

- Must accompany any request for DAU training
- Must be signed by Commander
- Justifies publication of ADT orders
- DD Form 1610
- Provides funding for Travel/Per Diem ONLY
- Funds come from DAU NOT HRC
- Must be provided to HRC 14 days before ADT orders will be published.

Accession:

In order to be eligible for accession into the army acquisition workforce officers must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a Captain with no less than 4 years TIG or a Major with no more than 2 years TIG. Waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Be a graduate of the Captains Career Course (Branch Immaterial).
- Have successfully completed a minimum of 12 months in key development (KD) or be currently serving in a qualifying KD assignment for their basic branch and be branch qualified in their basic branch IAW DAPAM 600-3 prior to assuming an acquisition assignment.
- Twenty Four (24) Business Hours Business Education (E.G. Accounting, Business, Finance, Contracts, Economics, Industrial Management, Law, Marketing, Organization And Management, Purchasing And Quantitative Methods) Are Required For Officers Assessed Into The 51C Career Field. Officers Assigned To 51A Positions Must





Have/Complete Twenty Four (24) Business Hours Prior To Becoming Acquisition Corps Members.

V. CSL/Pre-Command Courses

PMT 401 Attendance

The AMB has vacancies in PMT 401 (the Program Manager's Course) at various locations. Attendance at PMT 401 is not limited only to those officers selected for CSL positions however, attendance by others is on a space-available basis and the vacancies are limited to specific locations and dates.

Prior to attendance at PMT 401, interested individuals must ensure that they meet the training requirements for attendance. This includes, being in the grade of MAJ(P) or above and having completed PMT 352B and all the prerequisites. Visit the <u>DAU</u> catalog for more information on training requirements to attend PMT 352B.

Pre-Command Course Scheduling Process

The information below is provided to facilitate pre-planning for those officers/civilians who are selected for Acquisition Command and Key Billet/PM assignments.

Each officer/civilian who is selected by the board is required to attend, at a minimum, the Branch and Branch Immaterial PCC. Officers who are Dual Certified as Contracting and Program Management and are selected at the LTC/GS14 level must attend PMT 401 (and all prerequisites). Officers slated as Project Managers at the COL/GS15 level must attend PMT 402. Officers who are certified only in Contracting, and who are slated to Contracting centric CSL positions will attend their Branch PCC at the Acquisition CoE (Huntsville) and the Branch Immaterial PCC at Ft Leavenworth. They may, at their request, and on a space available basis, attend PMT 401/402 (and their prerequisites). Any organizationally required training (i.e. SF, SOLO etc.) will be scheduled by the gaining organization.

Officers who are on the alternate list are eligible/encouraged to attend PMT 401/402.

For some classes, most notably the Branch Immaterial PCC at Ft Leavenworth, the Acquisition Management Branch receives fewer quotas than we have individuals required to take the class. This does NOT mean quotas won't become available and it does not release the individual from having to attend the class.

The following class dates are available for PMT 401/402 for FY15. PMT 401 Seats available for Belvoir Class starting 09/08/2014 and Huntsville 09/08/2014.





Name	Class #	Location	Start Date
PMT 401	001	FT BELVOIR, VA	1/26/2015
PMT 401	002	HUNTSVILLE, AL	2/23/2015
PMT 401	003	KETTERING, OH	3/16/2015
PMT 401	004	SAN DIEGO, CA	2/02/2015
PMT 401	005	FT BELVOIR, VA	4/20/2015
PMT 401	006	KETTERING, OH	8/24/2015
PMT 401	007	FT BELVOIR, VA	9/8/2015
PMT 402	001	FT BELVOIR, VA	10/20/2014
PMT 402	002	FT BELVOIR, VA	1/20/2015
PMT 402	003	FT BELVOIR, VA	4/27/2015
PMT 402	004	FT BELVOIR, VA	8/03/2015

The AMB will make EVERY attempt to schedule classes in accordance with the officer's desires. However; in the case where quotas are not available, the AMB will work with the officer to modify the training schedule to accommodate the officer/civilian's schedule/desires.

NOTE: Cost effectiveness of the location WILL be taken into consideration.

THE POLICY

The DAWIA prescribes the required DAU training for Acquisition Officers/civilians who are selected for CSL. AR 350-1, para 3-6a, and para 3-b(6) (Army Training and Leader Development), prescribes the required pre-command training for Acquisition Officers/civilians selected for CSL. The Acquisition Corps Policy for officers/civilians selected for CSL modifies the requirements of DAWIA to mandate all selectees for CSL attend PMT 401/402 (as appropriate).

UNIT VISITS

Units interested in scheduling AMB visits and willing to fund travel for an AMB visit should contact AMB Operations at least 8 weeks in advance to ensure sufficient time for coordination and synchronization. Special topics, issues or concerns, a draft itinerary, and a list of officers, by name and rank, desiring interviews, should be provided to AMB Operations at least 2 weeks prior to the visit. POC: Mr. Todd Deehl, Chief Operations, (502) 613-6214 or todd.deehl@us.army.mil.





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