

65B UPDATE FROM THE RC IMA CHIEF, PHYSICAL THERAPIST SECTION SEPT 03

The following information is provided from the office of the AC and RC Chief, Physical Therapist Section. It is through this mechanism that we will provide you with periodic updates of 65B specific information. As the newly assigned IMA Chief, Physical Therapist Section, I have been working closely with the AC Chief, Physical Therapist Section and hope that this newsletter provides helpful information. I look forward to working with you; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

COL Mike Hammond

65B WHO'S ON FIRST: ACTIVE COMPONENT RESERVE COMPONENT

65B SECTION CHIEF: LTC THERESA SCHNEIDER COL MIKE HAMMOND

POINTS OF CONTACT:

ARPERSCOM – ST LOUIS 1-800-325-4729 option 3: For total personnel management of the IMA and IRR programs, a resource and limited management / tracking for TPU soldiers. Effective 2 OCT 03, AR-PERSCOM and PERSCOM will combine as the new **Human Resources Command (HRCOM)**. This seems to be yet the next step towards our one – Army leadership / management. But don't expect any physical moves of either the AC or RC personnel shops in the near future.

US ARMY RESERVE WEB PAGE: ([web site link on AMSC home page](#))

AKO: = good resource for general information, is updated by active component PERSCOM, is best site for military E-mail ([web site link on AMSC home page](#))

2XCITIZEN WEB SITE: is best source for current personnel data and USAR information as it is updated by reserve component ARPERSCOM ([web site link on AMSC home page](#))

AMSC WEB SITE: www.amsc.amedd.army.mil

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Department of Health Education (DHET): this site provides information about postgraduate level short courses ([web site link on AMSC home page](#))

RULES OF THE ROAD:

IRR AND IMA SOLDIERS: You are managed by ARPERSCOM. Contact a Personnel Management Officer at ARPERSCOM regarding orders, promotion information, general information.

TPU SOLDIERS: your unit and RRC manage you. Orders and other personnel actions must be managed through your unit. One exception to this rule is the promotion packet, which will come from ARPERSCOM to you directly.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION: ARPERSCOM has a CME budget each fiscal year. USAR reserve component officers in all programs can apply for one funded CME of up to 5 days in duration each year. CME program funds are limited; apply early in the fiscal year for best chances. This program covers base pay, travel, and per diem but does not cover registration. TPU soldiers must request CME orders through their unit / RRC even though CME is centrally funded by ARPERSCOM.

DEPLOYMENT / MOBILIZATION: TPU soldiers interested in volunteering for mobilization / deployment should contact their unit. IRR and IMA soldiers interested in volunteering for mobilization / deployment should visit the 2XCITIZEN web site and follow the directions to volunteer online.

DEPLOYMENT UPDATE:

Access to data on deployed AC and RC Soldiers has been challenging. The bottom line is that we know we have a handful of both AC and RC 65B's deployed in various overseas theaters of operation and some additional RC 65B's mobilized in CONUS. On the AC side, the Corps has been corresponding with these folks and trying to obtain AAR information and information regarding duties being performed and patients being seen. If you are a RC Soldier currently deployed and in receipt of this correspondence, please contact the AC or RC Chief, Physical Therapist so that we can monitor your activities as well. The AAR format is on the AMSC web site under readiness. In addition, the deployment handbook is on the web site and I have requested that the recently published AMSC Smart Book be added to the AMSC web page.

CURRENT HOT TOPICS FOR RESERVIST 65B'S:

ENHANCED COMMUNICATION: We are working to communicate better with all of you. We will be populating existing databases / web sites with corp and AOC specific information and directing you to other existing databases / web sites for other information when appropriate. We will be utilizing the AKO E-mail system to send personal information / messages so please keep your AKO E-mail address current.

DEPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT: We are working to gather information regarding mobilization / deployment activities of AC and RC 65B's. We are also working to establish criteria i.e. minimum qualifying standards for 65B's to be mobilized / deployed and / or to be activated to backfill any single therapist location.

COMPETENCY / CAREER PATH MANAGEMENT: Recognizing that clinical competence involves both appropriate training and a mechanism for validation, we are working to revise / refine our training courses and the credentialing / privileging process to better prepare for and reflect clinical competence for NMSE and related skills which are unique to our military mission

NEUROMUSCULOSKELETAL EVAL COURSE: We are working to gain better access to NMSE training for RC 65B's. This may include distance-learning modules to cover some of the material well as hands-on training at the AMEDD Center and School or regional MTF.

IMPROVED CAREER LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT OF RC 65B'S: You may be contacted by the RC Chief, Physical Therapist Section and / or a PMO from ARPERSCOM (for IRR and IMA members) and / or your RRC / TPU (for TPU members) if / when we identify career lifecycle / assignment issues. We are reviewing our databases regarding each of you with a goal of assisting you and the corp.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

UTILIZE THE AKO E-MAIL SYSTEM: Check your AKO E-mail account on a routine basis to ensure it is current and operational. You can easily forward your military E-mail to a personal / business E-mail account (redirected from AKO web site).

MANAGE YOUR OWN CAREER: This is not a new message but nonetheless an important one. You need to make sure personnel information is updated in a timely fashion. You need to be actively involved in assuring you are in an appropriate assignment and that your career is progressing. In addition, work together with the mob site MTF personnel to ensure that your AT is utilized not only to provide patient care but also to bring you up to speed on NMSE skills and/or administrative/computer skills unique to the military environment.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

IMA or IRR for points only: I am interested in a computer savvy 65B to assist me on personnel management related projects throughout the year. If interested, you can contact me at my E-mail address provided above.

IMA or IRR for points only with possibility of additional TTAD or ADSW: We are interested in identifying a 65B with academic experience who is able and willing to assist in the development and implementation of educational course upgrades. If interested, contact me at my E-mail address provided above.