

**Deployment Downtime
(7: Personnel Issues)
Resolution 25-08**

WHEREAS, according to Air Force Reserve Command Manual 10-401 paragraph 8.17 (4 May 2022), post-deployment downtime is “a commander’s program designed to help maintain quality of life and retain valued Air Force members”; and

WHEREAS, *Downtime Guidance* provides “an opportunity for members to reintegrate with their unit, get reacquainted with their families, and put personal and professional affairs in order that were deferred while deployed.”; and

WHEREAS, AFRC has mandated reserve component members to remain in the assigned unit local area during downtime, even if the member does not reside in the local area; and

WHEREAS, the lack of funding for family travel to assigned installations, coupled with insufficient family accommodations for Reserve military members, hinders this essential aspect of reunion and reintegration for Reserve members residing outside the local area; and

WHEREAS, the AFRC policy inhibits reserve members who reside outside of the local area from reintegrating with their family and local community, which creates unneeded stressors in direct opposition to the intent of post-deployment downtime policy and guidance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Organization of America urges the Office of the Secretary of Defense to change leave and pass policy to release reserve component members who do not reside in the local area of the assigned installation immediately after post deployment requirements are met to satisfy the intent and stated purpose of AFRC’s *Downtime Guidance*.

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