

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER

ON

ANG ACCESS TO THE ACSC ON-LINE MASTERS PROGRAM (OLMP)

PURPOSE

Provide background on how ANG members in the grade of Capt, Maj, and Lt Col can enroll in the ACSC OLMP and complete a NO COST Master's Degree. ANG enrollment in the OLMP is now "open enrollment" and ANG officers without an AAD are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. OLMP for Capts and Lt Cols does not satisfy any PME requirement.

DISCUSSION

- Former Chief of Staff of the AF, Gen Mark Welsh, directed the AF to only consider a member's Advanced Academic Degree (AAD) status during the O-6 promotion boards. As of 1 July 2016 45% of ANG Majs have an AAD and 52% of ANG Lt Cols have an AAD.
- Former Director of the ANG, Lt Gen Stanley Clarke, asked Air University to explore options that could offer ANG members an AAD in a manner that would be NO COST to the member and that would include Lt Cols. HAF/A1 granted an exception to policy that enabled ANG and AFR Lt Cols to enroll in the ACSC OLMP as a method to increase AAD completion rates among ANG officers.
- OLMP enrollment information for ANG Captains:
 - In order to be eligible to enroll in the OLMP, ANG Captains must not have an AAD, have greater than 6 years Total Active Federal Commission Service, and are SOS complete.
 - ANG Captains that would like to enroll in the OLMP need to send a formal request in the form of a Memorandum that attest that they are compliant with the requirements above via email to Lawrence.Arnold@us.af.mil, or ACSC.OLMP.ANG@us.af.mil
 - Upon receipt, the ANG Advisor to the Spaatz Center will work with ACSC to facilitate enrollment.
- OLMP enrollment information for ANG Majors:
 - All ANG Majors are eligible unless they have an AAD and have completed IDE.
 - ANG Majors can enroll at any time via the ACSC OLMP website instructions @ <http://www.au.af.mil/au/acsc/masters.aspx>
- OLMP enrollment information for ANG Lt Colonels:
 - All ANG Lt Colonels without an AAD are eligible to apply regardless of IDE or SDE completion.
 - ANG Lt Colonels that would like to enroll in the OLMP need to send a formal request in the form of a Memorandum that attests that they do not have an AAD, via email to Lawrence.Arnold@us.af.mil, or ACSC.OLMP.ANG@us.af.mil
- All programs are open enrollment. In the event that Captain and Lt Colonel OLMP program availability is reduced then members will be enrolled in the order in which their enrollment requests were received.