

## ***News from JFHQ-A1***

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On 1 January 2013 Supplement 1, ANGI 36-2301, Officer Professional Military Education (PME) was published. This instruction establishes policy for all officers, in the Massachusetts Air National Guard regarding completion of Professional Military Education (PME). It is recommended that all officers review this policy as it may apply to your career or the career of an officer in your rating chain.

Highlights and Summary of Changes is as follows:

The requirement for line officer promotion to Major utilizing Position Vacancy Promotion (PVP) to include the successful completion of Squadron Officer School (SOS) in-residence. Promotion to Major utilizing Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act (ROPMA) to include successful completion of SOS in-residence or Distant Learning. Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel utilizing PVP or ROPMA to include the successful completion of Air Command and Staff (ACSC) in-residence or Distant Learning. Promotion to Colonel to include successful completion of Air War College in-residence or Distant Learning. Establishes policy that officers selected for promotion by a mandatory selection board who do not have the PME required for the grade to which recommended for promotion, will not be promoted in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. Allows for a one-year voluntary delay of ROPMA mandatory promotion in lieu of separation in order to complete PME. Establishes requirement that officers scheduled to meet a mandatory selection board will receive a "do not promote" recommendation from their Senior Rater.

TABLE 1: Line Officer PME Requirements in the Massachusetts Air National Guard

<b>PME Requirement</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Promotion to</b>	<b>Notes</b>
A. Squadron Officer School	(In-residence) (In-residence/Correspondence)	Major (PVP) Major (ROPMA)	1
B. Air Command and Staff College or any approved Intermediate Service School	(In-residence/Correspondence) (In-residence/Correspondence)	Lieutenant Colonel (PVP) Lieutenant Colonel (ROPMA)	1 1
C. Air War College or any approved Senior Service/Joint Service School	(In-residence/Correspondence)	Colonel	2

### NOTES

1. PME requirement does not apply to professional officers. A professional officer is defined as an officer assigned to a Legal, Chaplain or Health Profession position. Professional officers are strongly encouraged to enroll in the appropriate PME course.
2. Professional officers are required to complete Senior Service School in order to attain the rank of Colonel (O-6).