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SUBJECT: Securing the Southern Border: SkillBridge

References: (a) Executive Order 10886, Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States, 20 January 2025
(b) Secretary of Defense memorandum, *Securing the Southern Border: SkillBridge*, 28 May 2025

The Secretary of Defense has identified supporting the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as a priority effort in securing the southern border of the United States.

Commanders will approve service member applications for SkillBridge participation with CBP and ICE opportunities in support of the southern border mission in the last 180 days of service. Requests should be disapproved only when approval would impact the critical readiness and operational needs of the unit.

Leaders at all levels should coordinate with installation Transition Assistance Program offices and Education and Training Sections to identify eligible Airmen/Guardians and connect them with available CBP and ICE opportunities. Proactive planning and communication are essential to balancing these ICE/CBP opportunities with mission readiness to support the southern border mission.

Specific questions related to this SkillBridge priority can be sent to the AFPC/DPPSA SkillBridge Workflow at afpc.dppsa.skillbridgeworkflow@us.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian L. Scarlett".

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