



FORT LOWELL-APACHE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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THE CHIEF SAYS

I want to say thanks to Joe and Gary for attending the Flowing Wells H.S. annual Jr. ROTC Military Ball, held 24 January. Many of the Cadets had questions that Joe and Gary were happy to answer and Joe's Dress Mess Uniform intrigued the cadets.

Just a note regarding the cadets – February first the Jr. ROTC Drill Team and Color Guard competed in a competition held in Phoenix where they captured two 1st place, one 2nd place and one 3rd place trophies.

They travel to Bullhead City for a competition Valentines weekend (14 February.)

Let's take the time to invite a new member or friend to our next meeting, remember, they might just be waiting to be asked.

Also lets not to forget that special someone on Valentines Day.

Have a great month! *Ron*

CALENDAR

Groundhog Day	Feb 02
Arizona Admission Day	Feb 14
Presidents' Day	Feb 16
Member Meeting	Feb 16
Mardi Gras	Feb 24
Member Meeting	Mar 15
Fort Lowell Designated	May 20
3 rd Annual Golf Tourney	Jun 12
National Airborne Day	Aug 15
2004 AMM-Virginia	Oct 10-15
2005 AMM-Tucson	Oct 22-27

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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Effective March 15 2004, CW5-R Daniel J. Logan, Jr. will assume duties as the Association's Executive Director. In this position, he will represent Army warrant officers and their families to Congress, DoD and Army Headquarters. Logan will also assist in formulation of Association policy as well as manage the operational and outreach programs of USAWOA. In his capacity as Executive Director, he represents USAWOA as the subject matter expert on warrant officer issues and interests at The Military Coalition. Logan, a 35-year veteran of the active Army, retired in October 2003. He served as the first Warrant Officer Advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Army, at that time General Eric K. Shinseki. Logan entered military service in 1968, was appointed as a warrant officer 1977, and served with distinction in positions of increasing responsibility throughout his career.

Logan is married to Linda Logan (nee: Martin), a career government-service professional. They reside in Wood-bridge VA and have two grown children and two grandchildren

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ANOTHER GR 8 EXPERIENCE

On Saturday 24 January, so of us were privileged to spend the evening with those outstanding high school students—members of the Flowing Wells High School JROTC Battalion.

There is plenty of room for more of us to see the fine work President Ron and Co. are doing.

NEW WEB ADDRESSES

USAWOA On Line
www.usawoa.org
WO Scholarship Foundation
www.usawoa.org/woasf
WO Heritage Foundation
www.usawoa.org/woheritage

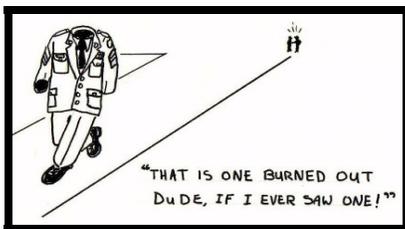
NEW APPOINTMENTS

CW5 Frank Meeks recently announced the following appointments: CW4 (Ret) Don Hess National Chaplain, CW2 Debra McDonald Chair the Futures and Marketing Committee, and CW5 (Ret) Dick Scalzo to Chair the 2004 Nominations Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP TIME

For those who have children (or grandchildren) entering or in college, you should think about their applying for a USAWOA Scholarship.

For details check out our Warrant Officer Scholarship Foundation at www.usawoa.org/woasf.



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FROM AFAR

Hey everybody,

Well, I thought I'd get a quick note off to you all. I'm still in South America. My tour was extended out to cover the balance of my Army Reserve call up. That puts me here until at least the end of February. I should know within the next two weeks if I'll be pegged with a second year of the call up. (Given the news of late, the huge number of reservists getting pulled for Iraq and Afghanistan and other parts of the world, I think there's little doubt that I'll be doing a second year.) Should that (WHEN that) occur(s), I'll be here in Colombia for anywhere from 90 to 180 more days, or even up to next December. ?Quién sabe? (Who knows?)

I got home for Christmas and spent some absolutely wonderful time with the girls. I really miss them a lot. I turned 40 last week and didn't drop dead. When I was in my teens and twenties I never dreamed of getting this far. Funny, I don't feel a day over 39!

Next week I'm heading out of Bogotá for what could be quite a while. I just returned last Tuesday from a week deep in the jungle. I'll heading back in that direction. This time I'll be on a two-man American team working with a Colombian Army Brigade. It should be pretty interesting. The work schedule will be three weeks in the field (JUNGLE) with four days off back here in Bogotá. What I'll try and do is send you all something when I'm back in Bogotá, but I'll probably not have much use of the internet otherwise. I will be able to send and receive snail mail while I'm in the field, however. My address is CW2 Scott Kirley, USMILGROUP, Bogotá Unit 5139/ PATT APO AA34038-5139. I know some folks have had problems getting parcels and cards, etc. to me, but, hey, every little piece that makes it means a LOT. Also, since I'll be away from civilization, in deepest, darkest "FARC-land," if you're able to send the M&M or

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DEPLOYED MEMBERS

Three Chapter members have been deployed. Please remember them in our prayers and write them on happenings here on the home front via email from all of us.

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Snickers kind of sweets, it would be great. (And not to worry, I'm under 170 lbs now. I am a PT hound down here!) I just crave the heck out of good ol'American candy when I'm in the jungle AND, more importantly, the Colombian soldiers and the kids really think it's a treat to get stuff like that.

So, without further adieu, I'll sign off for now. Your friend in the jungle,

Scott

NEWS FOR ALL

We have now identified 40 Army warrant officers living in Tucson and we are sure there are even more that we have yet to identify. If any member knows of any other heretofore-unidentified WO please let Veep Joe know so we can continue to grow.

ELECTION YEAR

Our Association's National positions are filled through elections, held every two years. The members elected to these offices make up the Board of Directors for the USAWOA. Here is a list of all of the National Offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus Directors for the Northeast, Southeast, Mid-North, Mid-South and Western Regions. Please contact our Immediate Past President, CW5 (Ret) Dick Scalzo, at if you are interested in running for any of the Chapter and/or National Offices. Completed Nomination Forms and Resumes must reach Home Office by July 12th to be on the ballot.

MORE FROM AFAR

Hello,

First, I want to thank the chapter for renewing my dues for the next year. It has been a long year for me. We have transferred our Authority to another battalion that will be replacing us in the coming year. Currently we are packing up our containers, and they should be heading back to Kuwait later this week.

I will be going with the containers as part of the advance party to prep for the rest of the unit when they convoy back around 15 Feb. The plan now is to have us back in Ft. Bliss on or about 6 March. We are still waiting for the marching order but they have already approved to send our equipment back down to Kuwait.

I have been reading your e-mail, that the chapter will be hosting the national meeting in 2005. One of the reserve officers that works with me here is the marketing manager for Desert Diamond Casino, there in Tucson. We might be able to work something out with him in regards to having the dinner there or some type of other entertainment. We have already talked and he did ask me what we were looking at in terms of numbers. Can't wait to get back to Tucson, hope to see you all in the near future. *Oh yes, I was promoted to CW4 in Dec 2003.*

Lyle

HELP WANTED

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