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### AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

Monday 16 August 2004 1800-1930 [Usually]  
Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano – 420 W Magee Rd [at Oracle]

#### Where are the email links?

To help prevent automatic email address harvesting, all personal email addresses have been converted to graphics. *Please write down the address and the type it into your email program.*

#### CHAPTER WEBSITE

Webkeeper Michael Turner reports that our new website is up and running. Much of the information that used to be included in this monthly newsletter has moved to the site. This will make the information available to all 24/7 and shorten this publication. Check it out today at [www.usawoa-ftlowell-apache.org](http://www.usawoa-ftlowell-apache.org).

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

President Ron is in Russia and is expected home on the Sunday 8 August. I will let Ron explain what he is doing there when he gets back [after his CIA/NSA/HSA de-briefs].

The Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano “block closes” every year so the entire staff can take their vacations all at the same time and any repairs or painting can occur without being inconvenient so we will have to hold off going to our new meeting day of the second Monday and hold our next meeting on the **THIRD Monday 16 August** and we have our regular room with Major Bob as our waiter. He has promised that there will be another table set up and more room to move around the tables.

We are very thankful that the “**Pros from Sierra Vista**” supported our golf tournament and now we need to return the favor. The Arizona Silver Chapter is holding their annual tournament on Saturday 9-11 with a limit of 36 players. They have a wealth of prizes, Mulligans, and fun on tap at the Mountain View Golf Course on Fort Huachuca. Be sure to contact our local Pro-Vin Baiocchetti to join our teams.

*Joe for Ron-*

#### OUR DEPLOYED MEMBERS

Although IRR members are expecting to be called back to service there are still two of our Chapter members are still deployed. While they are deployed, our chapter is paying their USAWOA dues so they have one less thing to concern them.

Both are encouraged to email us on their *non-classified adventures* [the others can await for their return].

Please remember them in our daily prayers and write them on happenings here on the home front via email.

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## **NEED YOUR HELP**

The Eagle is everyone's newsletter and we need your ideas and input to make it a success. If you have information that you feel would be of interest to our readers please send it in. If you are more comfortable providing notes and not writing the article that's fine too – just as long as you do so

## **ELECTION TIME**

With all the hoopla over the Presidential Election we should not forget that this is also USAWOAs election year too. This year we will be voting for National President, Vice-President. Secretary. Every regular and life member of the Association-world wide is eligible and encouraged to vote.

In addition, we in the Western Region will be voting for our own Regional Director. In the late 1990s it was decided that effective with the 1998 elections, each region would elect their own Director. When you get your ballot please take the time to fill it in and return it so you will not be disenfranchised.

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS**

It is our custom to hold the AMM in the Washington D.C. area every election year and this year we will be meeting at the Holiday Inn in Leesburg, VA 11-15 October. The nearest major airport to Leesburg is Dulles and the hotel provides a free shuttle to and from.

## **AMM PROXIES**

When you get your ballots, you will also get a proxy so if you are not planning to attend your vote will be heard. Even for those of us who are going, we need to identify someone who will be going just in case our plans should change. At this writing, Vin and Joe are planning to be there.

## **ROTC MEDAL STATUS**

Ron and Joe met with our Supplier and approved the draft design for the medals. The supplier is weaving the ribbon for the medal and the slide-on ribbon. As soon as the sample is ready (by the middle of August) we will photo it so all to see. We plan to start our marketing campaign next month and plan to have medals to sell at the AMM. As there are some 5,000 JROTC Battalions located all over the world, all USAWOA chapters will be able to recognize these fine young people.

## **WO CHANGEOVER**

On Friday 9 July, the 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Corps, ceremonies were held world-wide replacing the Eagle Rising on our uniforms with the Branch insignias we serve in. Also, all CW5s got their new rank insignia that reflects the CW5s of the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. The deal is this. As retirees, we can keep what was in effect when we retired or switch to the new. If we switch to the new it means the new colors, new hat eagle (the one the RLOs have always worn) and the black beret for Class A and BDUs.

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## HELP WANTED

In March 2004, CW5 (Ret) Dan Logan came aboard to replace retiring CW5 (Ret) Ray Bell as USAWOA Executive Director. Unfortunately, compelling circumstances have forced Dan to depart the position effective May 20, 2004. Mr. Logan has agreed to work on a full time pro bono basis until May 20 and on a pro bono basis one night a week and Saturdays until a replacement is found.

Effective immediately, USAWOA is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Director of the only association representing Army Warrant Officers and the families on a worldwide basis. We solicit all members' recommendations and ideas.

We would like to look within our ranks to identify those individuals that would be good candidates to fill the position of Executive Director. There are many good candidates in the DC area that we will be contacting.

What better person to represent Warrant Officers than a retired Warrant Officer who has **'been there and done that'**.

Members with recommended candidates or individuals interested in seeking more information of the position are requested to contact National President Frank Meeks at

at [franklin.d.meeks@us.army.mil](mailto:franklin.d.meeks@us.army.mil) or National Vice President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant at [roy.valiant@us.army.mil](mailto:roy.valiant@us.army.mil).

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Membership Meeting	16-Aug	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
Arizona ASA Reunion	12-15 Aug	Elks Lodge, Payson AZ
National Airborne Day	15-Aug	Ramada 18&19 Reid Park Noon Until?
Labor Day	6-Sep	National Holiday
Patriot Day	11-Sep	National Day of Remembrance
Arizona Silver Golf Tournament	11-Sep	Mt View Golf Course, Ft Huachuca, AZ
Membership Meeting-Officer Elections	13-Sep	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
Membership Meeting	11-Oct	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
2004 Annual USAWOA Meeting	10-15 Oct	Holiday Inn, Leesburg, VA
Annual European WO Reunion	10-15 Oct	Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
Membership Meeting-Officer Installation	8-Nov	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
Holiday Get-Together	TBD	Location TBD
2005 Annual USAWOA Meeting	22-27 Oct	Double Tree Hotel, Tucson, AZ

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## TUCSON'S 2005 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS



The 2005 Annual Meeting of the Members will be held here in Tucson from 24 – 28 October at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park. Newly renovated with complimentary high-speed internet access, conveniently located near attractions, shopping and business districts, hotel has 22,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space, including a 10,000 sq. ft. Ballroom and can accommodate groups up to 1200. The Cactus Rose restaurant, Javelina Cantina and Lobby Bar compliment the resort-style ambiance.

Directly across the street is Reid Park, featuring two 18-hole championship golf courses, a 3-mile jogging track and 25 lighted tennis courts.

Featuring 295 newly renovated guestrooms, a lovely pool in a lush courtyard setting, a spa, fitness center and business center, the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park is the perfect choice for business or pleasure. We offer complimentary airport transportation for every guest.

**See you in the *Old Pueblo* in October 2005.**

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### YOU ARE A WARRANT OFFICER IF

1. When out in public you feel the urge to snap your fingers at children you do not know and correct their behavior.
  2. When you mention "Vegetables" you're not talking about a food group.
  3. You can tell if it's a full moon without ever looking outside.
  4. You can't have children because there's no name you could give a child that wouldn't bring on high blood pressure the moment you heard it uttered.
  5. You think caffeine should be available in intravenous form.
  6. Meeting a child's parent instantly answers the question "Why is this kid like this?"
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