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SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

Monday 13 September 2004 1800-1930 [Usually]
Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano – 420 W Magee Rd [at Oracle]

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ARIZONA FOLKLORE

For those planning to come to Arizona for the 2005 AMM [and those of us who live here] you need to check out some of the mysteries of the Territory. For an extempore tour see http://www.sgha.net/invest_az.html. Chapter members please pass this on to your WO friends across the world.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

It's that time of year again when we need to participate in the election process, not only of our chapter officers but the Western and National leaders as well. With that in mind I want to remind you that we have CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti and CW3R Joseph Gill representing us at the Annual Meeting this year. If you have not voted by mail I would urge you to sign a proxy form at our next meeting so that one of them can vote on your behalf. Can't make the next meeting? That's ok. E-mail me and I'll be glad to get a proxy form to you.

Speaking of voting, our nominations are open for President and Vice President until our September meeting. At that time I will take any additional nominations. Currently CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti and CW3R Joseph Gill have been nominated for President and Vice President respectfully. Don't be shy. If you might be interested in one of these positions or interested in one of the appointed positions (Secretary, Treasure) let me know. We are always in need of fresh, innovative ideas. Let's all be participating warrant officers. Reminder!! Your proxy is needed at our next meeting on September 13th. See you there. *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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PERSONAL OPINION

I am sure many of you have already meet CW4R Harry Wilson. He stopped by during our annual golf tournament and lent a hand. With that one stop he did more for our chapter than the current Western Region Director, who by the way has not called, E-mailed or written to anyone in our chapter (that I know of). In fact without looking it up I couldn't even tell you his name. Bottom line, we need someone willing to go the extra mile, willing to shake the bush, willing to make a difference. I think that person is Harry Wilson. Please vote for Harry for Western Region Director. Thanks for the time & space.

Ron-

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

The AMM this year will be held 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. As of now only Vin and Joe will be representing our Chapter.

AMM PROXIES-IMPORTANT

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

Our supplier has notified us that the sample medal should be with us for our September meeting for all to see. For those who can't make the meeting, photos will be in the October edition of the Eagle and our intent is to have stock for Vin and Joe to sell at the AMM.

NOMINATIONS

At the August meeting, Vin Baiocchetti agreed to run for Chapter President and Joe Gill for Vice President. Election will be at the September meeting-additional nominations will be accepted until we vote and installation at the November meeting. All other offices are appointed by the President per our Bylaws.

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HELP WANTED

Since CW5 (Ret) Dan Logan came and went as the replacement to retired CW5 (Ret) Ray Bell as USAWOA Executive Director Past President CW4-R Bob Scott as been our acting 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 franklin.d.meeks@us.army.mil or National Vice President CW4 (Ret)

Roy Valiant at roy.valiant@us.army.mil

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(YOU CAN CUT ME OUT)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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
Annual European WO Reunion	10-15 Oct	Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
2004 Annual USAWOA Meeting	11-16 Oct	Holiday Inn, Leesburg, VA
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
NEW YEARS DAY	1-Jan	National Holiday
Membership Meeting	10-Jan	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
Membership Meeting	14-Feb	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano

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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.

WARRANT OFFICER AND THE TALKING FROG

A warrant officer was crossing a road one-day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess". He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week." The warrant officer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to his pocket.

The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do ANYTHING you want." Again the warrant officer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess that I'll stay with you for a week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The warrant officer said, "Look I'm a warrant officer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that's cool."

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