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OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

Monday 18 October 2004 1800-1930

Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano – 420 W Magee Rd [at Oracle]

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MEETING DATE CHANGE

As Vin and Joe will be attending the AMM starting on the same day as our normal meeting day, it was decided at the September Meeting to shift to the 3rd Monday [18 October] so we can all get a first hand report from the AMM.

CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

At the September meeting, CW5-R Vin Baiocchetti and CW3-R Joe Gill were elected President and Vice President respectfully. In accordance with our bylaws, the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Historian will be appointed.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

For the last 3 years we have held our increasingly productive golf tournament to support our primary community support activity – The Flowing Wells High School Junior Army Reserve Officers Corps commonly referred to as JROTC. With these fine young people in mind, we are developing our ROTC Award Medals to present the outstanding cadets and to sell to all the other USAWOA Chapters so they can do the same.

Another way you can contribute is to come to Flowing Wells High on a Thursday, inspect the Battalion and let the cadets know what a Warrant Officer is and does in today's Army. Hopefully your uniform hasn't shrunk in the closet since your retirement but regardless lunch will be on the JROTC staff. Let me know when you want to come. 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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TUCSON'S 2005 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

AMM NEWS

For the first time in the 32 year history of our Association CW4-R Don Hess will not be with us. Don, who is completing his 6-year term as the first warrant officer director of the Military Officers Association of America [MOAA]-formally TROA-and will be attending their Annual Meeting in Atlanta at the same time as ours. As he and Pauline have accepted an church assignment to serve for two-years in Hiroshima Japan and will miss our AMM next year but probably the one in 2006.

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 and you can select either one to act in your stead.

ROTC MEDAL STATUS

Our supplier has notified us that the sample medal has been delayed but will be with us for our October meeting for all to see. Veep Joe and the supplier an now designing an attractive color flyer depicting the medal that will be emailed to every USAWOA chapter president in the world with an eye to sales and the honoring of outstanding JROTC and ROTC Cadets.

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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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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| Membership Meeting | 18-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 |
| Veterans Day | 11-Nov | National Holiday |
| General George Patton's Birthday | 11-Nov | 1845-1945 |
| Thanksgiving Day | 25-Nov | National Holiday |
| Hanukkah | 8-Dec | |
| Holiday Get-Together | TBD | Location TBD |
| Christmas Day | 25-Dec | National Holiday |
| NEW YEARS DAY | 1-Jan | National Holiday |
| Membership Meeting | 10-Jan | Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano |
| Membership Meeting | 14-Feb | Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano |
| 2005 Annual USAWOA Meeting | 22-27 Oct | Double Tree Hotel, Tucson, AZ |

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS 2005



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.

DIFFERENCE

What is the difference between a commissioned and a warrant officer?

When you 'Commission' a product, you hope it works,
When you 'Warrant' a product, you guarantee it!

EVERYONE BRING A FELLOW WARRANT TO OUR NEXT MEETING