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THE CHIEF SAYS

Fellow Warrants, as we near the end of the year and enter the Christmas season, let us take time to reflect on what has happened during this past year and to take time to remember our family and friends. Take time to thank the good Lord that we live in this wonderful land, this land of America, for which we love and have served.

Let us also remember that during this time of peace and good cheer to take the time to be "in less of a hurry", to listen to one another", "to think of our fellow man" and "to try to be a little better than we have been during the year."

Eileen and I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a most Glorious and Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vin

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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COMING ATTRACTIONS

SoCal Holiday Brunch	11-Dec	O-Club MCAS Miramar 1100-1300
Holiday Get-Together	19-Dec	Betty & Lindy's House Green Valley 1400- ?
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
13th Reunion-European WOs	17-21 Oct	Plaza Hotel Las Vegas, NV
2005 USAWOA AMM	24-28 Oct	DoubleTree Hotel, Tucson, AZ

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

CHANGES AT THE TOP

One of the many things we learned at the AMM is that due to our changing times, there are changes coming from USAWOA that are of interest to us.

Up to now, the Executive Director was also the editor of the Newsliner but running the day to day operation, interfacing with the Army-all components and headquarters-and the government. Now, as you will see later in this edition, we are trying to split the jobs. Be sure to go on-line to www.usawoa.org and check out the job descriptions for both. After doing so, if you have any viable candidates be sure to notify USAWOA.

Other changes that we will shortly see is our new Regional Director Harry Wilson who campaigned to re-start the Wild West Region by personally visiting every chapter at least once and to move forward with the establishment of more new chapters.

It also appears that the Regional Directors will be coming more involved in keeping Herndon up to date on happenings in their region by being asked to write at least two articles for the Newsliner each year.

HELP WANTED

USAWOA is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Director of the only association representing Army Warrant Officers and the families on a world-wide 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"?

USAWOA is also seeking applicants for the position of an Editor with primary responsibility of producing the USAWOA "NEWSLINER" eleven times a year, seeking advertising, and as a consultant to the Board of Directors and its committees with regards to publicity, publications, etc.

Members with recommended candidates or individuals interested in seeking more information are requested to contact the USAWOA Home Office at 703-742-7727 or by email usawoa@cavtel.net.

EVERYONE BRING A WARRANT OFFICER TO OUR NEXT MEETING

ROTC MEDAL STATUS

The ROTC medals have been inspected and the initial order is being made as you read this. We will shortly be emailing a color flyer to every USAWOA chapter in the world to secure their initial orders for these most beautiful medals.

THE FUTURE OF THE EAGLE RISING

One of the underlying goals of the Warrant Officer Heritage Foundation is to keep alive the memory and importance to our Corps of the Eagle Rising. To accomplish this and the other objectives of the Foundation, it has been organized, administered, and operated exclusively to receive, administer and expend funds for among such other objectives and illustrative purposes only, and not by way of limitation, the following educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as it may be amended from time to time.

The Foundation gains its funds through direct donation and in the near future members of USAWOA will be receiving a mailing from the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation & Turner Publishing Company with information about Warrant Officer History Book Volume II and soliciting pictures and your biography. The History Book is also available to all Warrant Officers, active, guard, reserve, retired and former warrants to provide photos, bios and to purchase copies, without regard to membership in USAWOA.



Do you know how many military veterans live in Arizona? Well you are not alone as even the State of Arizona doesn't know for sure. One sure way to show the state is for all of us veterans to proudly display veteran plates on our cars.

When you purchase an Arizona Veterans License Plate, \$17 of the \$25 special plate fee goes to the Arizona Veterans Donation Fund, which is used in many ways to help Arizona's veteran community: health care, education, memorial cemeteries maintenance, and the State Veteran's Home – a skilled nursing center. By law, the fund is used only for Arizona's veteran programs and cannot be absorbed into the state's general fund. There is a \$25 initial application fee/ \$25 annual renewal, in addition to regular registration fees. Applicant must be a veteran and provide a copy of a DD214, 215, 2A, 2 (retired), 2 (reserve) or 1173; or provide an original statement of honorable service from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS). \$17 of the initial and annual renewal fee goes to the Veterans Donation Fund. Plates may be personalized for an additional \$25 initial application fee/ \$25 annual renewal fee and may also be issued to the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an eligible person who has been issued this plate.

MILITARY HUMOR

Enlistment officer to recruit: "And another advantage in making a career of the Army is that you avoid the constant worry of being called-up into the service."

The instructor in a basic-training course asked a recruit what he would do if he saw a figure crawling toward his post while on assigned guard duty. "Why, I'd help the Officer to his quarters." said the recruit.
Drill Sergeant to recruit: "Wipe that opinion off your face!"

The military has many unique ways of looking at problems. Many times, even though the personalities traits may be identical, they are always relative, by rank. The system seems to handle each one differently. However, the lower in rank you are, the clearer the problem becomes.

BAD ATTITUDE

THE COLONEL - Has his own way of doing things

THE CAPTAIN - Has initiative

THE SERGEANT - Often follows his own course

THE CORPORAL - Is a discipline problem and never follows orders

UNKEPT APPEARANCE

THE COLONEL - Sets a different standard

THE CAPTAIN - Requires improvement in dress and deportment

THE SERGEANT - Is untidy

THE CORPORAL - Is a scruffy bastard

STRANGE DEMEANOR

THE COLONEL - Has a unique perspective

THE CAPTAIN - Is known to be eccentric

THE SERGEANT - Tends to be slightly off track

THE CORPORAL - Is a bloody flake

AWOL

THE COLONEL - Has taken an extended leave period

THE CAPTAIN - Is on personal administration

THE SERGEANT - Is not at work today

THE CORPORAL - AWOL

Modern warfare is a complicated business, but during the Civil War things were much simpler. An Arkansas Colonel, with no real formal military training, had his own method of command for his cavalry troop. For example, to get the men on their horses: His first command was: "Prepare to git on your critters." This was closely followed by: "Git!"

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