

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE
Monday 14 February 2005 1800-1930
Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano – 420 W Magee Rd [at Oracle]

OUR CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005

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THE CHIEF SAYS

Eileen and I want to wish each of you a Happy Valentines Day!!!! *Vin*

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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| Membership Meeting | 14-Feb | Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano |
| Valentine's Day | 14-Feb | Don't forget your valentine |
| Arizona Admission Day | 14-Feb | Happy 93d Birthday |
| Membership Meeting | 14-Mar | Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano |
| Membership Meeting | 11-Apr | Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano |
| AMM Planning Meeting | 16-Apr | DoubleTree Hotel's Basswood Room on the 2nd floor. |
| 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 WITHOUT NOTICE)

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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ROTC MEDAL STATUS



Here is what our beautiful ROTC medals look like. The first flyers have been distributed and the medals will shortly be known by every USAWOA Chapter in the World thanks to the World Wide Web and the USAWOA website.

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"?

WELCOME ABOARD

Mr. Serge Obolensky has been selected as the new NEWSLINER Editor. He will have an introductory article in the upcoming edition. Since the new editor does not have a military background, articles and pictures should be submitted to the Home Office for review. After review, appropriate material will be forwarded to the Editor for inclusion. *Welcome Aboard*

NEW APPOINTMENTS

National President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant announces the appointments of the Assistant Vice Presidents for Guard and for Reserve Affairs - they are National Assistant Vice President for Guard Affairs - CW5 Rhea Pruett, Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Michigan Army National Guard, and National Assistant Vice President for Reserve Affairs - CW4 Janie Diamond, 100th Training Division (IT), Louisville, KY. *Welcome Aboard*

EUROPEAN WARRANT OFFICER REUNION

The 13th Annual Reunion will get started with your arrival and check in, on Monday October 17, 2005, at the Plaza Hotel & Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The reunion will come to a close upon completion of our annual banquet, Thursday evening, October 20, 2005. Friday, October 21st has been established as check out day and departure as per your personal plans. Bill Petty and his team encourage everyone to travel to attend the USAWOA 33rd Annual Meeting of the Members being held in Tucson.

BOL

In police parlance, BOL stands for “Be On The Lookout” and USAWOA needs you help to find the missing members listed below. If you know any of these members, please email USAWOA-Herndon at usawoa@cavtel.net or if you are like Lindy and don't understand computers you can call them at 1-800-587-2962:

Algarin, Paul J, CW2, 112 SC, Columbus GA (1104)
Croes, Henry J, CW4 (Ret), Norman OK (0406)
Crowley, James D, MW4 (Ret), Goodyear AZ (Life Member 49)
Deese, Tony R, CW3, Fort Bragg NC 28307-5000 (Life Member 390)
Fitzgerald, Mary C, CW5, San Antonio TX (Life Member 501)
Hurst, Kathleen, CW2 Ret, Martinez GA (Life Member 377)
Martinez, Andrie M, WO1, Fort Rucker AL (0904)
Miller, Roger, CW4, Lawton, OK (0804)
Moore, Michael B, CW3 Ret, El Paso TX/Venice CA (Life Member 261)
Potter, Leroy D, CW4 (Ret), Sacramento CA (Life Member 243)
Probasco, Anthony J, WO1, Eden Prarie MN (0704)
Rosas, Yenny, WO1, Fort Bragg, NC (0904)
Ross, Delors, CW5 (Ret), Aiea HI (Life Member 424)
Spiri, James J, WO1, Savannah GA (0904)
Walters, Johnnie, CW3 (Ret), Sumter SC (Life Member 349)
Weekes, Carolyn L, CW2, Dorchester Center, MA (0904)

WARRANT OFFICER PRAYER

Almighty God, help us to fulfill our duties to protect and maintain the peace.

As Warrant Officers, let us teach others and expand their technical competence.

Encourage us to faithfully adhere to our Oath of Office in all aspects of our military duties and our off-duty life.

Lead us to inspire confidence in the Warrant Officer Corps, in the military service, and the United States of America.

Guide our Military and Nation's Leaders in all their endeavors.

Remember all those who have gone before us, particularly those who have made the supreme sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Watch over and protect our Corps, our military, and our Nation. Amen

HUMOR IN ACTION

Just cut and paste http://xlforum.net/misc/cpt_wedley.wmv and see what you think.

BRING A FELLOW WARRANT OFFICER TO OUR NEXT AND EVERY MEETING

HUMOR



Q. What do you call a group of Warrant Officers?

A. Conspiracy!

This is Army policy all begins...Start with a cage containing five apes. In the cage, hang a banana on a string and put stairs under it. Before long, an ape will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the Banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the apes with cold water. After a while, another ape makes an attempt with the same result - all the apes are sprayed with cold water.

Continue until, when another ape tries to climb the stairs, the other apes try to prevent it.

Now, turn off the cold water.

Now, remove one ape from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new ape sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his horror, all of the other apes attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original five apes and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm.

Again, replace a third original ape with a new one. The new one makes it to the stairs and is attacked as well. Two of the four apes that beat him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs, or why they are participating in the beating of the newest ape. After replacing the fourth and fifth original apes, all the apes which have been sprayed with cold water have been replaced. Nevertheless, no ape ever again approaches the stairs. Why not?

"Because that's the way it's always been around here."

That's how Army policy begins...

MORE HUMOR

A WOC class was having training in mountain climbing. One of the WOCs slipped and began falling into a precipice.

"Are you hurt?" asked the Tac Officer.

"I don't know yet," a weak voice was heard, "am still falling!"

Some Leading Papers' Coverage of Custer's Massacre

- Variety: "Custer Closes Out of Town"
- Pravda: "Big Red Victory."
- Sports Illustrated: "Indians Win Series"
- Women's Wear Daily: "Feathers Make Comeback"
- Reader's Digest: "Sitting Bull Reveals New Cure for Dandruff"
- The Washington Post: "Custer Loses Rural Vote"

I was scheduled to fly from North Carolina to Germany, where my husband was stationed in the military. As I checked in at the airport, the ticket agent asked me some standard security questions. "Has anyone given you any packages that you didn't pack yourself?" he asked.

I told him that my mother-in-law had given me a parcel to take to her son. He looked at me very carefully and asked: "Does she like you?"

The chief of National Guard decided that he would personally intervene in the deplorable recruiting effort in a nearby state and ordered that a nearby Armory to be opened and that all eligible young men and women be invited. As he and his staff were standing near a brand new M-1 Battle Tank, a pair of twin well built, neatly kept brothers who looked like they had just stepped off an Army recruiting poster walked up to them. The Chief walked up to them, stuck out his hand and introduced himself. He looked at the first young man and asked, "Son, what skills can you bring to the Army National Guard?"

The young man looks at him and says, "I'm a pilot!"

The general gets all excited, turns to his aide and says, "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!"

The aide hustles the young man off. The general looks at the second young man and asked, "What skills can you bring to this man's Guard?"

The young man says, "I chop wood!"

"Son," the general replies, "we don't need wood choppers in the Guard, what else do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the general, "you are not listening to me, we don't need wood choppers, this is the 21st century and our battles are fought with our minds as much as with our bodies!"

"Well," the young man says, "you hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the general, "he's a pilot!"

The young man rolls his eyes and says, "Duh! I have to *chop* it before he can pile it!"

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**You have to do
Something
To be
Recognized**