



Focus Group Number 2

EXPANDING USAWOA

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Focus Topic

- ◆ Has any thought been made to gather in all the Warrant Officers of all military services - Army, Navy, AF, Marines, Coast Guard - into one organization and become a larger military group to represent ALL Warrant Officers.
- ◆ I don't know if the other military services have a national organization, and if so, would they be agreeable to join us. We could increase our membership, allow chapters to recruit WO's of all services, including retirees, and of course increase our financial picture.
- ◆ I know - this is a new idea and would get some opposition from members but think of the value of increased membership and representation in the Military Coalition. Congress likes to hear from LARGE organizations.



Focus Topic

- ◆ There will be many areas of discussion on this idea. Perhaps a committee appointed to consider it. Need input from ALL other chapters. I would not publicize this project right away until it is further down the road on planning and research.
- ◆ Warrant Officers should stick together regardless of the service they belong to. MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) includes all military officers of all services in their organization. Perhaps the name change would not be too drastic - USFWOA (US Forces Warrant Officers Association) or WOAUSF (Warrant Officers Association United States Forces). Or just WOAA (Warrant Officers Association of America)



Charge to Focus Topic

Discuss the feasibility of one military organization representing all Warrant Officers (pros and cons).



Discussion

- ◆ What Problems do you for see?
 - Expansion
 - lack of other services expertise
 - Office manpower
 - Would have to find a Don Hess of the other services
 - Is there a group out there
 - Could link with our officers in USAWOA



Discussion

- Is there a common ground
 - Do they want to link up
 - Is there an advantage to linking up
- ◆ Would the Army officials (whoever) oppose it?
 - Other organizations would suffer from us gleaning their members and we are not sure we could effectively represent them



Discussion

- ◆ Are there any regulations or laws that prevent this unified organization?
 - No, not that we know of



Recommendations

- ◆ Share information with any existing sister group and support each others common interests such as pay, rank insignia, etc.