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## New Executive Director Hired

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I have great news in announcing the hiring of CW5 Poyas Haynes as the United States Army Warrant Officers Association's 4th Executive Director. We are at a turning point in our Association that will bring future success and continued stability. It has been a long time since we have had this position filled. I, along with the rest of the EXCOM and Board of Directors welcome Poyas as a breath of fresh air with new ideas and strategies. You can view Poyas' biography elsewhere in this issue. Poyas was eager to get started and to commit to the position and this Association by making the investment in a life membership. Welcome aboard Poyas Haynes and we look forward to a successful and fulfilling relationship.

I want to give a personal thank you to CW5(R) Ray Bell as he has been the bridge in this process from having an ED to not having an ED to once again having that position filled. Ray has kept up the very important, significant presence of the USAWOA at The Military Coalition monthly meetings during the absence of an ED. Without Ray's participation in this, we may have lost our seat at that very important table of military organizations that get things done on the "hill". Ray, thank you for your continued support of this Association.

One other area that I want to stress is the issues we support through The Military Coalition (TMC) in the way of signatories to issue position letters that are sent to the U.S. Legislature and the top levels of the military leadership. A letter endorsing Senators Kerry and Smith's bill that would provide tax incentives for currently serving active duty and reserve component members and reservists' employers was recently sent with USAWOA support. The letter is published in this issue for your reading pleasure. We will print the ones we support as well as the ones we do not support. We will continue publishing these position letters/documents to inform you on what we are doing on your behalf.

I am sure that many of you have seen the emails, letters, internet sites that have published additional social security benefits for military personnel. I have checked the Government Social Security site and can vouch for the

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## A Brief Look at Our New Executive Director



*USAWOA President CW4(R) Roy Valiant presents the office keys to CW5 Poyas Haynes, USAWOA's newly hired Executive Director.*

Poyas Haynes enlisted in the Army in 1969. He completed the Warrant Officer Flight Training program and was appointed as a Warrant Officer in 1971. He was then sent to the Republic of Vietnam serving with the 240th Assault Helicopter Company, the 128th Assault Helicopter Company, and the 187th Assault Helicopter Company of 1st Aviation Brigade, returning home in 1972. He joined the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1973 serving with 51st Assault Helicopter Company and its successor units, Troop D 101st Cavalry and 1-151st Attack Helicopter Battalion. In 2000 he selected for promotion to CW5 and was assigned to the 51st Aviation Group as the Tactical Operations Officer. A Master Army

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Aviator, CW5 Haynes has flown various helicopters from A, B, C, H, & M model UH-1's to the AH-64 Apache.

Poyas became the 2nd Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Army National Guard, beginning his three-year tour 2004 and ending in January, 2007. As the CCWO, he served as the personal adviser to the Director, ARNG, on all issues pertaining to policies, programs and actions impacting the Warrant Officer Corps including professional development, promotions, assignments, incentives, performance, and recruiting programs. He also was responsible for coordinating warrant officer issues between National Guard Bureau and

major Army offices of primary responsibility, as well as state and territory National Guard military departments. His personal stated goal was to provide assistance and continuity of efforts to improve WO strength and enhance career incentives for junior and senior warrant officers.

He is a graduate of the College of Charleston with a B.S. in Business Administration and has over twenty-five years of electrical utility experience including new project development and management in asset accounting, financial analysis, systems development, materials management, safety, insurance and risk management.

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authenticity of this benefit. You must apply for this added benefit. In short it will increase your credited earnings for those periods that you served in the military. Go to [www.ssa.org](http://www.ssa.org) or call your local Social Security office for additional details.

We continue to work on our web site in order to bring you electronic registration for this year's AMM. I am confident that this will be a reality this year as well as all future AMMs. We will keep you posted on these developments. This year's

AMM is in the great city of San Antonio and looks to be of great benefit to all attendees. More to follow!

I thank each and every one of you for your continued support both at the local Chapter level and at the National level. Your support in the way of dues, annual fundraisers, and personal time goes along way to keep your USAWOA strong and relevant now and in the future.

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