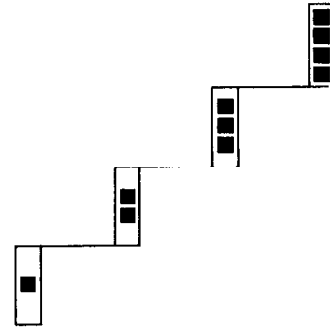




United States Army Warrant Officer Association



FELLOW WARRANT OFFICERS:

MEET YOUR UNITED STATES WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (USAWOA)

BACKGROUND

The genesis of a national association for Warrant Officers was an idea developed in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July 1972, when forty-two warrant officers met informally for fun, camaraderie, and the opportunity to exchange professional concerns with each other. Out of this group we elected a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer to serve in protempore status to get the association in motion. The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer are assigned to the Washington area and, along with other warrant officers from this area, they have established the administrative machinery to form the USAWOA. These officers are volunteers who receive no compensation for their efforts except the satisfaction of serving you, their fellow members.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to *Army* warrant officers regardless of component or status, i.e., RA, USAR, NG, AUS, male or female, on active duty, reserve status, or retired. Dues are \$5.00 per year for national members at large. Local dues for chapter memberships are established by each chapter.

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OBJECTIVES

As stated in the preamble to our constitution, the USAWOA has been established to:

1. Foster a spirit of patriotism and devotion to duty among our members, commensurate with the high ideals of the Army and our position therein.
2. Recommend programs for the improvement of the Army.
3. Disseminate professional information among Warrant Officers.
4. Promote the technical and social welfare of our members.
5. Promote a spirit of true comradeship among our members.

Our current method for meeting these objectives involves us in a two-pronged approach. First, we will acquire professional information for circulation to warrant officers from our official and unofficial contacts with Department of the Army. There are many individuals in key positions throughout the Army staff who can keep the association up-to-date on current and projected warrant officer actions being studied or reviewed. Second, and just as important, our association can act as a focal point to receive recommendations, suggestions, complaints, and general comments from warrant officers in the field and insure that these views are presented to the appropriate action office with the backing of the USAWOA. Later, as our numbers increase and our influence grows, we plan to employ a small full-time staff to perform necessary research and establish liaison with those departmental and congressional agencies which develop the plans and execute the programs affecting the Warrant Officer Corps.

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ADMINISTRATION

Thanks to the Post Commander at Fort Myer, Virginia, we have obtained office space in the concession area near the PX on South Post, Fort Myer, Virginia. We will open the office several hours each day and conduct most of our business from our new office. Our telephone number is Area Code 703, 521-2209. Drop in and see us when you are in town.

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PHILOSOPHY

To elaborate briefly on our basic philosophy, we are working with the appropriate action officers on the Department of the Army staff. At *this* time we do not feel that letters to the Secretary of the Army are the proper vehicles for us to gain recognition. The USAWOA *must* build a reputation for being knowledgeable in the areas we address. We find much sympathy for our cause at the action officer level in DA but we must be sure of our *facts* when we take a position. For this reason we request that you address your letters to your association so we can consult the public laws, DA policy, Department of Defense directives, etc., and address the problem rather than the symptoms which appear. Also, we believe our combined USAWOA strength will carry more weight at DA than a single warrant officer or local warrant officer association. One of the major hurdles we must overcome is the Department of the Army policy of announcing decisions without providing any developmental rationale. Again, this points out the need for a national association. We feel the USAWOA must establish and maintain a professional approach at action officer level because we need to build a solid reputation combined with strength in numbers to be representative of the Warrant Officer Corps.

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LOCAL CHAPTERS

We are organizing local chapters around the world. If you are located in an area that does not have a chapter you may join as a member at large; or, if you have at least ten warrant officers in your area, write or call us for our letter on how to establish a local chapter.

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

The USAWOA Newsletter is dedicated to the dissemination of professional news to warrant officers throughout the Army. All comments should be addressed to USAWOA, P.O. Box 3765, Washington, D. C. 20007. Articles in this publication express the point of view of the USAWOA and should not be interpreted as reflecting the official opinion of the Department of the Army.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

- Publish a monthly Newsletter to all members.
- Furnish membership card in national assn.
- Furnish free USAWOA tie tack to all members.
- Furnish record review service for active duty warrant officers outside Washington area.
- Host annual convention of USAWOA.
- Represent the interests of warrant officers with DA, DOD, and Congress.
- Establish local chapters in support of USAWOA objectives.

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PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Warrant Officers Association is a sustaining program of service to our fellow warrant officers. We **STRONGLY URGE YOU** to JOIN our professional association by using the inclosed application blank. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please Print)

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 Retired National Guard

Total Yrs. of Service _____ Date of Birth _____

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