



# ALMWOA Newsletter

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## Upcoming Chapter

### Meetings

- 22 January 2015 from 1130-1230, at 5102 Emma Browning Ave, BLDG F, Room A307, Austin TX

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## CONSIDER JOINING OUR ORGANIZATION

### *“So, what’s in it for me to join this organization?”*

Aside from all the tremendous work Chapters do in their communities, here are just a few of the numerous accomplishments of the USAWOA at the national level:

- The fight to stop implementation of the retiree COLA cuts passed in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013
- The fight to stop increases in dependent/retiree costs associate with TRICARE, of as much as 100% in 2014 and 400% in 2014 (success was achieved)

- The fight to save Senior Warrant Officer Leadership positions in the ARNG, when in 2012 the ARNG considered abolishing the CCWO position (achieved in partnership with all three components)

- The 12% combined, targeted pay raised for WO's in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2007

- Passage of the Warrant Officer Management Act

- The achievement of Warrant Officer Aviation Incentive Pay, equivalent to that given to traditional officer aviators

- The authorization of the CW5 pay grade

- The commissioning of Chief Warrant Officers

*“So, what are you waiting for? Be a part of the Big Picture!”*



## Note from the ALMWOA President

Happy New Year! I hope 2015 brings joy, peace and blessings to everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each one of you to step-out this year and really engage in a commitment to become an active member within the ALMWOA. There are a mired of events that we would like to partici-

pate within our communities and organization, but we need our fellow Warrant Officers to help us. I ask that this new year will mark the beginning of a major impact that we impress into the hearts and minds of those around us that we are here to help, volunteer, organize and conduct events whenever needed or

asked by our community and/or organization; both state and national. Will you join me and make a difference?

Respectfully,  
Christy  
Christy Murray  
President, ALMWOA

# march of dimes®

## run for babies

Mark your calendars! ALMWOA Social Events committee is in the process of building a team for the upcoming March of Dimes run for babies. The event takes place Saturday May 9th at old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Individual and team registration opens on January 15th 2015 and team information and registration information will be available in the next newsletter.

The March of Dimes helps moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. And if

something goes wrong, we offer information and comfort to families. We research the problems that threaten our babies and work on preventing them.

Since its founding in 1938, March of Dimes has consistently excelled at bringing together key stakeholders to address some of the world's gravest child health challenges. The March of Dimes lone concern has always been to give children a healthy start. We first defeated polio, then we brought together the first con-

certed effort to focus on birth defects. Today, we continue that quest and are simultaneously addressing the crisis of premature birth.

From the halls of Congress to the boardrooms of corporate giants to high schools and civic organizations, the March of Dimes generates support that improves the health of babies. Few have accomplished what the March of Dimes set out to do. As an organiza-

tion, we have developed vaccines that led to cures and protection, funded research that won awards and saved lives, educated women about how to have a healthy, full-term pregnancy and developed breakthroughs on many fronts that are now standards of care and compassion. Whatever we believe to be an obstacle to having a stronger, healthier baby is where we focus our efforts.



### January Birthdays

- CW3 Douglas Orr JAN 5th
- CW3 Frederic Heer JAN 6th
- CW2 Mark DelaRosa JAN 7th
- CW2 Craig Graham JAN 7th
- CW2 Jonathan Weller JAN 7th
- CW4 Brad Aspiron JAN 8th
- WO1 Matthew Sugars JAN 9th
- CW3 Ruben Gonzales JAN 10th
- CW2 Bo Lamar JAN 14th
- CW3 Jose Luna JAN 18th
- CW3 Justin Arnold JAN 21st
- CW5 Earnest Metcalf JAN 21st

- CW3 Frank Madvig JAN 22nd
- CW2 Michael Lester JAN 23rd
- CW2 Stephen Stremmel JAN 23rd
- CW2 Steven Ramos JAN 24th
- CW4 Rick Dillenbeck JAN 25th
- CW2 Juan OrtizGeerman JAN 27th
- CW3 William Hatley JAN 28th
- CW2 Lance Brown JAN 29th
- CW3 Lewis Morrison JAN 29th
- WO1 Matthew Fey JAN 30th



## Upcoming Events

- NGAT: 13-15 March 2015
- American Hero's Weekend: 18-19 April 2015
- Annual Meeting of the Members Committee – Nominations and/or appointments for the FY16 Annual Meeting of the Members. The ALM-WOA will host the event in October 2016 and we need to identify committee members and begin timeline preparation for the event.



## January Meeting

WHO: Mid-South Region Area Warrant Officers, Corporate Sponsors, and Associate Members

WHAT: Audie L. Murphy Chapter Monthly Meeting

WHEN: 22 January 2015, 1130-1230

WHERE: 5102 Emma Browning Ave, BLDG F, Austin, TX (it is the first building on the left as you come in the main gate). The conference room reserved is A307. This meeting will be held at ABIA AFRC so leave early enough to make the meeting on time.

We will carpool from Camp Mabry at 1100 – coordinate with CW3 Murray for transportation

**NOTE:** If you are unable to attend, you will be able to teleconference in to the meeting with the information provided below at 1130.

Conference call information:  
Bridge number: 512-782-7201  
Toll free 1-866-822-7685 ext 7201  
Meeting place ID: 7651  
Password: 4670

## Community Outreach

Habitat for Humanity – If you are interested in being part of a group (minimum of 5/max of 20) to participate with Habitat for Humanity you will need to go to their site, sign up and take the online safety class (about 15 mins): <http://www.austinhabitat.org/index.php/volunteer/groups> Once we have a

“group” we can volunteer for upcoming projects. POC is CW3 April Myles at [april.s.myles.mil@mail.mil](mailto:april.s.myles.mil@mail.mil)

Special Olympics: Winter Games, Austin, TX February 5, 2015 - February 8, 2015 There are still slots available to sign up to volunteer for Special Olympics includ-

ing bowling, power lifting, volleyball and the athletic village. Sign up at <http://www.sotx.org/competitions/wintergames/volunteer.html>

**If anyone has an idea for reaching out and making an impact on our community, please do not hesitate to voice them. We welcome all ideas!!**



## Attachments



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improvements, corrections,  
or content submission,  
please contact WO1 Julie  
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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

**Promotions:** CW4 Joshua Hilewitz, CW4 Robin Anderson, CW4 John Silva

**Upcoming Retirements:** CW4 Jimmy Robinson

**Newest Members to the Association and/or Corps:** W01 Eric Mckinis



### ALMWOA Officers:

President: CW3 Christy Murray  
Secretary: CW2 Luis Chavez

Vice President: CW4 Melissa Harden  
Treasurer: CW4 Terri Marshall

**NOTE:** If you are delinquent, may become delinquent in your membership within the next 30 days, or if you know a Warrant Officer who would like to become a part of our organization, I have enclosed the membership form for you to fill out and submit at your earliest convenience.

### RTI WOCS IDT Schedule

All Warrant Officers are invited and encouraged to come out and support our candidates of WOCS Class 15-001 in their efforts. Currently there are 6 candidates going through the program. Below are the dates and main activities for each IDT weekend. Please coordinate with CW3 Katherine Brown for additional information.

23-25 January: Camp Swift : 4 mile foot march, Exam 2-1

20-22 February: Camp Swift:: 10K foot march for GO/NO-GO

27-29 March: Camp Mabry: 10K foot march make-up, Victory Run up Mt. Bonnell, Class song, car wash

11-25 April: Fort McClellan Alabama

