



ALMWOA Newsletter

Upcoming Chapter

Meetings

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Note from the ALMWOA President

I have just returned from the 43rd AMM held in Orlando, FL and now have a greater understanding of what is expected of our organization. We have a lot of work to do, but I know that we will do an outstanding job in making it the most professional and enjoyable event ever. Though our focus is on the 44th

AMM in October 2016, we must not forget those community events we have committed to support. The holidays are fast approaching and our community needs our support now more than ever. Remember, our community is not just in Austin - it is the state of Texas! No matter where you are stationed, you can make a

difference where you stand. Join forces in cities, regions or counties and go out and make an impact. Keep me posted on your events and I will try to get out to you! Stay true to the Corps!

Respectfully,
Christy Murray
President, ALMWOA

CONSIDER BEING A PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Founded in 1972, the USAWOWA was incorporated as a not-for-profit association in Virginia on 7 November 1974, and in 1985 became a charter member of [The Military Coalition](#) (TMC). The three words in the association's logo predominantly define its mission of advocacy on behalf of the Warrant Officers in all three components of the Army: Professionalism, Representation, and Recognition. The founders of the USAWOWA saw the Warrant Officer Corps of the early 1970s as a disjointed group of technical experts with little or no standardization in the area of professional development and sought to change this.

From the beginning the USAWOWA has worked within the Army system to encourage the development of an evolving sys-

tem of standardized professional development for Warrant Officers to complement their superior technical knowledge and skills with increasing levels of leadership development. Simultaneously, it developed and encouraged sources of recognition of Warrant Officer excellence both inside the association and throughout the Army.

TMC provided the USAWOWA with tremendous resources as a result of its newfound confederation with other military service organizations, with which it pooled their combined resources and influence. This gave the USAWOWA the ability, through the TMC, to expand its representation of its members into the legislative arena. The results were astounding, achieving multiple legislative victories in the advance-

ment of Warrant Officers in multiple areas including: education, pay and allowances, commissioning, W5 pay-grade authorization, and development of Secretary of the Army-chartered Senior Warrant Officer leadership.

The USAWOWA's philosophy has always been that recognition gained is directly proportional to value added. Every one of its members can be proud that its brief history – of little more than 40 years – has decisively impacted a remarkable four-decade evolution of Army Warrant Officers into the indispensable cohort of professional, technical, commissioned Leaders that they are today. To this day, the USAWOWA remains the only military service organization thoroughly devoted to the welfare of Army Warrant Officers – serving, former, and

Member of the Month : CW4 Ellis Spencer



I joined the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) in 1976, transitioned from full time training duty (FTTD) in 1982 to the National Guard Technician program. With almost 40 years in the military, I have proudly served as an Armament subject matter expert; from 1995-2008, Electronics Mechanic Supervisor (Armament) at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) #1, Assistant Superintendent, CSMS #2, 2009, Shop Superintendent, CSMS#2, 2009-2011, supervised and managed the Materiel Readiness Branch, 2011-2013, and presently I work in the State Surface Maintenance Office (SMO), managing seven Field Maintenance Shops (FMS) .

I was commissioned a warrant officer 23 November 1992 , becoming the first African-American Warrant Officer in the Texas Army National Guard. I recently attended the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Senior Service Education course (WOSSE), and currently awaiting promotion to CW5. I enjoy mentoring and sharing my military experience while encouraging young adults to develop and achieve short and long term life goals. I actively participate in the TX chapter of the Audie Murphy Warrant Officer program, as time allows. I am Happily married with five children, ten grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 CW3 Carlos Huante WO1 Thomas Weber	2 CW3 John Cox	3 CW2 Mark Armstrong CW2 David Thompson
4	5	6	7 CW2 Amanda Keith CW2 Frank Veliz	8 CW2 Christopher Cordero	9	10 CW3 Donald Spikes
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Upcoming Events

- 21 October: OPT Meeting of the Members
- 22 October: ALMWOA Chapter Meeting
- 19 November: ALMWOA Chapter Meeting
- December: Jingle All the Way 5K



October Meeting

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

WHAT: Audie L. Murphy Chapter Monthly Meeting

WHEN: 22 October 2015

WHERE: Camp Mabry

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

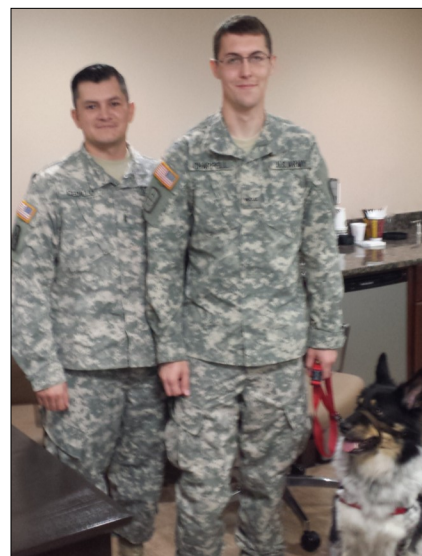
Conference call information:

Bridge number: 512-782-7201

Toll free 1-866-822-7685 ext 7201

Meeting place ID: TBD

Password: TBD



WOC Travis Chappell with PTSD service dog in training and Chief Alejandro Cerdillo at the September ALMWOA Chapter Meeting

Memorabilia

We have many items available for purchase.

Shirts: \$10.00

Coins: \$8.00

Mouse pad: \$5.00

Koozie: \$5.00

If you have any suggestions for unique items to bring before the members, please contact Mr. Devon Love.





AUDIE L. MURPHY

Warrant Officers Association

Inaugural Golf Tournament

Friday, October 30th 2015

OCTOBER 30, 2015

Pine Forest Golf Club
636 Riverside Dr.
Bastrop, TX 78602
512-321-1181

FORMAT

4 Player Scramble
Shotgun Start: 8:30 am
Registration 7:00 am

CONTESTS / PRIZES

Closest to the Pin
Longest Drive
(Male and female wins)
Raffle Drawings

Pre-Registration - \$70 per player / \$280 per 4 person team

Limited to 132 players (or 33 teams of 4 players)

Mail registration/payments to ALMWOA, P.O. Box 300853, Austin, TX 78703

Or Email/bring by to POC below at 36ID HQ, Camp Mabry Bldg 75, Rm 103

Make check payable to: USAWOA-Audie L. Murphy Chapter

On Check, include name and team information

Pre-Registration cut off is October 23, 2015

On Site Registration: \$75 per player / \$300 per team

Registration includes; green fees, cart, driving range, breakfast tacos and lunch

Hole Sponsorships Available

Corporate or Individual - \$200 per hole

Inquiries and Questions to: Beau Tidrick

512-800-5129 / beau.tidrick@yahoo.com or beau.d.tidrick.mil@mail.mil

For more on the USAWO-ALM chapter visit: <https://woaonline.org/audie-murphy/> and

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Warrant Officer Networking Events

A strong sense of community is one of the things that makes our cohort unique. Please join us for some good food, a great time, and excellent networking as we re-initiate the Warrant Officer Networking Events. Come hang out with your fellow warrant officers to help keep a tight network among our cohort!

October 22nd 1700-1900: Westside Alehouse, 1500 Interstate 35 Frontage Rd #35, Round Rock, TX 78681

Westside Alehouse has a great menu with appetizers, wings, burgers and more. They also have a wide range of drinks.

If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go with others.

African Proverb

44th Annual Meeting of the Members

As the president of your Warrant Officer Association, I wanted to thank you for your faithful support to the Corps and this organization. However, we still have a long way to go to support the community, our organization and the state of Texas needs.

I am pleading for your help and commitment to the 44th Annual Meeting of the Members October 2016. You all received the sponsorship packet that we need to send out to individuals, organizations, corporations, etc. To the right are the different sponsorship levels available to our sponsors. It is critical to our success for this event to have as many sponsors as possible commit to us.

Please take the time and help us find sponsors.

Christy Murray
ALMWOA President

<p>Platinum Level \$1,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sponsor/Vendor recognition in all AMM printed materials. › Sponsor Reception to interact with attendants › Special Recognition and introduction during meeting session › 4 complimentary tickets to banquet › Platinum Recognition Plaque › 2 Company informational tables and rights to distribute company materials and/or sell company products. 	<p>Gold Level \$1,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sponsor/Vendor recognition in all AMM printed materials. › Sponsor Reception to interact with attendants › Special Recognition and introduction during meeting session › 2 complimentary tickets to banquet › Gold Recognition Plaque › 1 Company informational table and rights to distribute company materials and/or sell company products.
<p>Silver Level \$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sponsor/Vendor recognition in all AMM printed materials. › Sponsor Reception to interact with attendants › Special Recognition during meeting session › Silver Recognition Plaque 	<p>Bronze Level \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sponsor/Vendor recognition in all AMM printed materials. › Sponsor Reception to interact with attendants › Certificate of Appreciation

AR-15 RIFLE RAFFLE

WHEN

**Drawing will be held
on December 5th (need
not be present to win)**

**Rifle valued at
over \$1,000**

Winner must be legally eligible to purchase and own a firearm. In the event that said winner is unable to own or transfer a firearm, then a cost cash buyout equal to the prize won will be paid to the individual. All firearms transfer fees will be handled through a licensed Dealer/FFL. Winners will be contacted through phone and/or email. We accept cash, check, or credit cards.

TICKETS

\$20 each

Limited number available

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- Ask any Warrant Officer!

- Contact CW3 Beau Tidrick at 512-800-5129

BENEFITING

The United States Army Warrant Officer Association- Audie L. Murphy Chapter Fund & General Scholarship Fund

2016 44th Annual Meeting of Members

Member involvement in planning, fund-raising, and executing this very important event is crucial. Sponsorship packets are almost ready for distribution and it will require approximately \$17,000 to host such event. Help will be needed with communication, staff ride, and social networking. A list with individual tasks will be sent so that members can volunteer for a specific tasks. Spouses are also encouraged to volunteer during this event and that entry fees to the award banquet dinner may be offset for them.

WOCS Workshop

As Warrant Officers, we are responsible for recruiting the best qualified Soldiers to join our cohort. TXARNG Recruiting Command will be conducting WOCS workshops 4-6 DEC 2015 and 22-24 JAN 2016 in order to fill warrant officer vacancies within TXARNG. Additional timelines, and packet information can be found in OPORD 16-01, FRAGORD 039.

Jingle all the Way 5K



Calling all Santas, Grinches, Elves, and Reindeers. The Jingle All the Way 5K is scheduled for December 2015 at Camp Mabry in Austin Texas. Be on the lookout for additional information coming soon!



Community Outreach



Habitat For Humanity

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.

Please see CW4 Arsilia Perez at arsilia.h.perez.mil@mail.mil if you are interested in being a part of this program.

It's great not only talking about community service in theory but actually doing it.

QUOTEHD.COM

Adam Gardner

Food Bank

The next serving opportunity for the Capitol Area Food Bank is October 10th and 24th. So far we have five members signed up to volunteer on 24 October. Please see WO1 Lakeshia Marshall for additional information.



A Message from the Procurement Office



AC to RC (09W) Recruiting Program! The TXARNG would like to welcome our newest R&R BN team member to the Fort Hood AC installation, CW3 Don Gilmore. Mr. Gilmore is an Armament Systems Maintenance Technician, (913A) he is currently replacing CW3 Darby Ledbetter Automotive Maintenance Technician (915A) as the Silver Siege Warrant Officer. CW3 Ledbetter has done an outstanding job spearheading the AC to RC (09W) Program.

The AC to RC Program provides opportunities for AC transition Soldiers to become warrant officers in the TXARNG. Warrant Officer Candidate (WOC) School Prior Service Recruitment Program is used to allow Active Component Prior Service Non-Commissioned Officers, with the minimum DA WO MOS proponency requirements, to become a warrant officer in the ARNG.

These Soldiers could potentially earn the \$20,000 warrant officer accession bonus (WOAB). Soldiers should contact their local recruiter or the state WOSM for further details about warrant officer opportunities and to determine if they meet the prerequisite qualifications.

**RECRUITING AND RETENTION
WARRANT OFFICER STRENGTH
MGR.**

PHONE: 512-782-1989

EMAIL: Devane.r.love.mil@mail.mil

Please Welcome Our Newest Warrant Officer Candidates!



WOC Clayborn-Dunn, Erikiya , WOC Menendez, Jessica , & WOC Holiman, Robert (420A, AG)



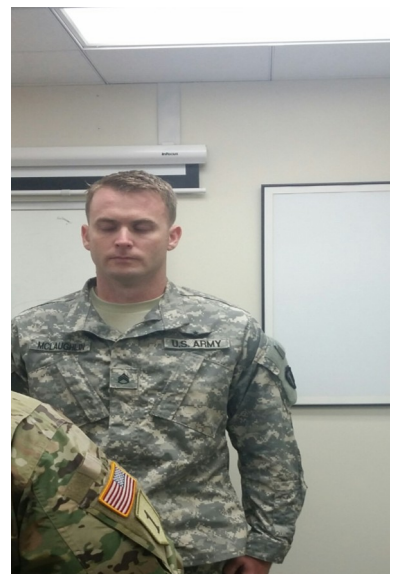
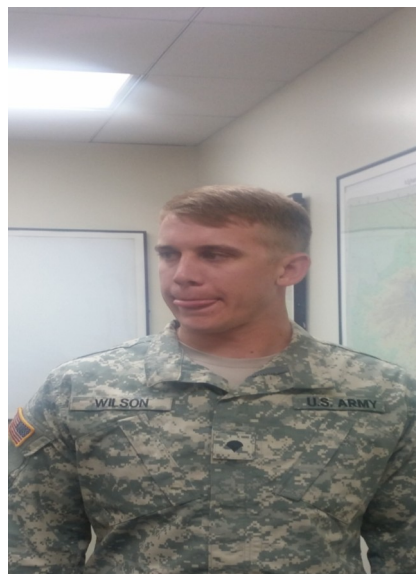
WOC Spulick, Phillip A. (915A/OD)



WOC Joseph Carabajal , 255A



WOC Luis Perez-Rosa, Luis, 920B



**The Texas Army National Aviation community welcome the following new Aviation Candidates!
WOC Best, WOC Wilson, and WOC McLaughlin**

Attachments



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Donation Form



ALMWOA Officers:

President: CW3 Christy Murray Vice President: CW4 Melissa Harden
Secretary: CW2 Luis Chavez 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. We currently are going strong with 114 members.

A Note from the Editor

Thank you so much to those that have contributed to the newsletter in the past. I would love to make this a more interactive newsletter. If you have events that you are sponsoring, good news stories to share, suggestions, and photographs, please send them my way. I am always looking for ways to improve the newsletter, and would love your input. Send all correspondence to : WO1 Julie Bryant at

RTI WOCS IDT Schedule

All Warrant Officers are invited and encouraged to come out and support our candidates of WOCS Class 901 (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.

Class 16-001

13-15 Nov 15

4-6 Dec 15

22-24 Jan 16

19-21 Feb 16

4-6 Mar 16

TBD Apr 16 (Ph 3)

Ft. McClellan, AL

