



U.S. ARMY

Fort Huachuca

The 106th Warrant Officer Birthday
July 9, 2024

**Fort Huachuca
Arizona**



"from sabers to satellites..."



Sequence of Events

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CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY
COFFE AND CAKE IN FOYER

HOST

CW5 Peter Davis

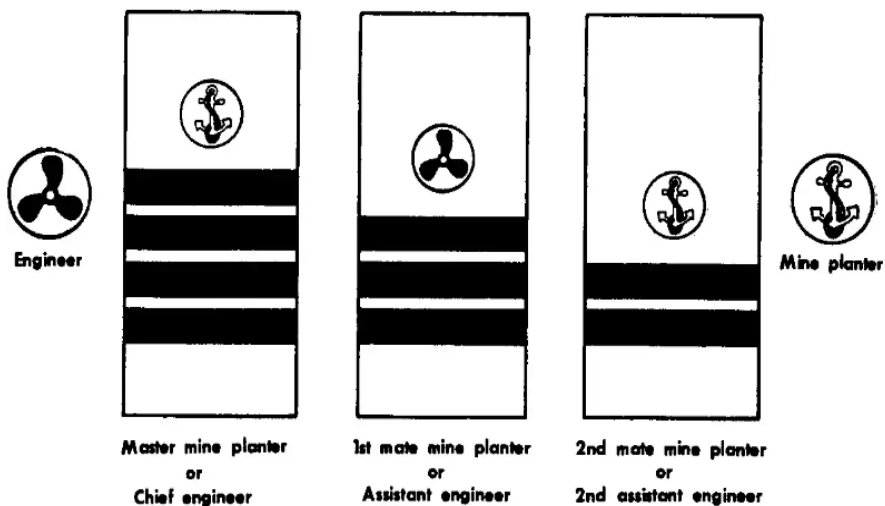
Chief Warrant Officer of the MI Corps
US Army Intelligence Center of Excellence



Birth of the Army Warrant Officer Corps

July 9, 1918

U.S. ARMY MINE PLANTER SERVICE



The military grade of Warrant Officer dates back over two centuries, when the British Navy was new, and the nobles who assumed command adopted Army ranks of Lieutenant and Captain. These "royal" officers often had no knowledge of life on board a ship, let alone how to navigate such a vessel or operate the guns. They would often rely on the technical expertise and cooperation of a senior sailor who tended to the technical aspects of running the ship. These sailors became indispensable to less experienced officers and were subsequently rewarded with a Royal "Warrant." This warrant was a special designation, designed to set them apart from other sailors. On 9 July 1918, Congress officially established the Army Mine Planter Service and directed warrant officers to serve as masters, mates, chief engineers, and assistant engineers of each vessel. A total of 40 warrant officers were authorized into these positions. They had no rank insignia, rather simple brown bands of cloth on their sleeves, which is why brown is our color. In 1921, our "Rising Eagle" was approved, then discontinued in 2004. As of today, there are over 26,000 warrant officers, 2.5% of the Army, serving in 48 technical specialties and 17 different branches. Throughout history, warrant officers have proven their weight in gold time and time again, and as such, began to serve in positions such as Senior Warrant Officer Advisor and Command Chief Warrant Officer. Eventually, CCWO became a coded MTOE billet in many army units, and part of the Command Team, depended upon for advice and assistance to the Command, to represent the Command within and outside of their unit, and empowered to influence Army formations at every level. As the latest example of how far the warrant officer cohort has come, this week, the first ever Chief Warrant Officer of the Army will be sworn in by the Army Chief of Staff. As the Army continues its transformation in order to meet both historical and emerging threats on the modern battlefield, warrant officers will continue to lead the way.

Origin of the Eagle Rising



May 12, 1921, a distinctive insignia was approved for Army Warrant Officers

It consisted of an eagle rising with wings displayed, adapted from the great seal of the United States

**The Eagle is standing on two arrows,
which symbolize the military arts and sciences.**

The Eagle Rising is enclosed within a wreath.

July 9, 2004, Army Warrant Officers were integrated into the Army officer branches. The Eagle Rising was replaced by The officer Branch Insignia which corresponds to the Warrant Officer's primary military occupational specialty.



Keynote Speaker

CW5(R) Joseph Lancaster enlisted in the US Army in 1986 as an 11C Indirect Fire Infantryman and was later selected for training as a 97E Interrogator at the Defense Language Institute and Ft Huachuca. In 1997 Sergeant First Class Lancaster was appointed as a 351M Human Intelligence Collection Technician.

His assignments include the 513th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Arctic), Ft Richardson Alaska; the Defense Strategic Debriefers Course, Ft Huachuca Arizona; 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Ft Campbell Kentucky; 1st Armored Division, Germany; Post Graduate Intelligence Program, DIA; 66th MI Brigade, Germany; US Army European Command, Germany; HUMINT Training Joint Center of Excellence, Ft Huachuca; Joint Special Operations Command, Ft Liberty North Carolina; 309th MI Battalion, Ft Huachuca Arizona, and the Army G2, Pentagon.

CW5(R) Lancaster deployed nine times to the Balkans, the Middle East, and South West Asia in support of Operations JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM, and served as a Debriefers, Source Handler, Team Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Operations NCO, Instructor, Interrogation OIC, Detachment Commander, Brigade G2, and Task Force G2X, and as the Army and the Department of Defense's Senior Interrogator.

His professional education includes 97E Interrogator AIT, Persian Farsi and Russian Basic Courses, PLDC, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Warrant Officer Basic, Advanced, Senior, and Senior Staff Courses, Defense Strategic Debriefing Course, the Counterintelligence Force Protection Source Operations Course (CFSO), the Joint CFSO course, SERE Level C, DIA Counterterrorism Analysis, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency Debriefing and the Department of Justice Hostage Negotiations Courses and the Post Graduate Intelligence Program.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2nd Award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Army Commendation Award (8th Award), Army Achievement Medal (8th Award), Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, German and Chilean Parachutist Badges, and the Distinguished in Competition Marksmanship Award (Bronze).

He is married to CW4(R) Laury Lancaster, with two step-daughters, Alison and Maureen and two grandchildren, Jesse and Kathryn, and is currently enrolled at University of Arizona James Rogers School of Law.

Warrant Officer History

1918: Congress established the Army Mine Planter Service, recognized as the first Army Warrant Officers.

1921: The "Rising Eagle" was approved.

1926, the first two female field clerks became the first female Warrants.

1941, African American Warrant Officers performed in key positions and made significant impacts on the heritage and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen

1941: Congress created the Warrant Officer Junior Grade (WO1) and CW2 ranks and insignia.

1942: Warrant Officers placed above all enlisted, and below all commissioned officers.

1944: First women; 42 women served as warrant officers by the end of WWII.

1949: CW3 and CW4 were created.

1951: 60 different WO occupational specialties.

1968-1970: Three Warrant Officers received the Medal of Honor for their heroic actions in Vietnam.

1970: Silver and Black rank authorized for WO1 – CW4.

1985: Warrant Officer was defined in Army policy.

"An officer appointed by warrant by the Secretary of the Army, based upon a sound level of technical and tactical competence. The Warrant Officer is the highly specialized expert and trainer who, by gaining progressive levels of expertise and leadership, operates, maintains, administers, and manages the Army's equipment, support activities, or technical systems for an entire career."

1986: Defense Authorization Act

"Chief Warrant Officers are appointed by commission upon promotion to CW2. They derive their authority from the same source as commissioned officers but remain specialists, in contrast to commissioned officers, who are generalists. Warrant Officers can and do command detachments, units, activities, and vessels as well as lead, coach, train, and counsel subordinates. As leaders and technical experts, they provide valuable skills, guidance, and expertise to commanders and organizations in their particular field."

1991: CW3 *Thomas J. Hennen* made history as the first and only Warrant Officer Astronaut.

2004: CW5 rank was authorized.

2009: *Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lance McElhiney*, a 62-year-old with 41 years flying Army helicopters, was perhaps the first **"Command Chief Warrant Officer."**

COL Tierney, CDR, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, placed a CW5 in each of his five battalions, and kept one at the top of the brigade with him and his command sergeant major.

"We called them 'command chief warrant officers.' The brigade was really fortunate to deploy with these senior warrant officers. Their expertise and command status may have helped save lives."

TODAY: 26,000 warrant officers, 2.5% of the Army; 17 different branches, 48 warrant officer specialties. 40% are aviators, 60% are highly specialized technicians.



COURAGE

CW4 Mike Novosel courageously maneuvered his helicopter into a heavily fortified and defended enemy area. Flying without gunship or other cover, he was able to locate and extract 29 wounded soldiers in the face of intense enemy gunfire.



CW4 Novosel and his crew faced grave danger, but still re-entered the battle area six times and effected 15 hazardous extractions. CW4 Novosel's personal courage and quick action exemplify the Warrant Officer Corps' values.



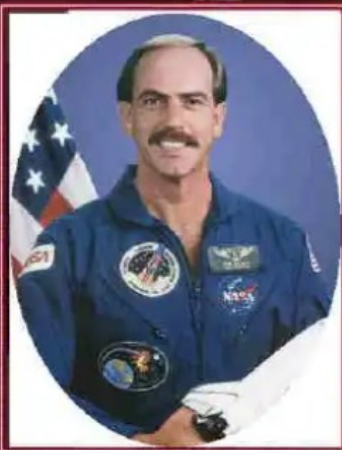
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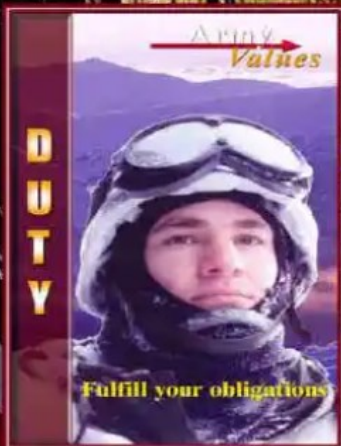
DUTY

Throughout his 24-year career
Chief Warrant Officer
Thomas J. Hennen produced
numerous training programs
to support the fielding of
new intelligence systems at
the tactical and national level.

On 24 November 1991, aboard
the space shuttle Atlantis, his career culminated when he
became the first Warrant Officer in space. CW4 Hennen's



dedication to duty
exemplifies the Warrant
Officer Corps values.



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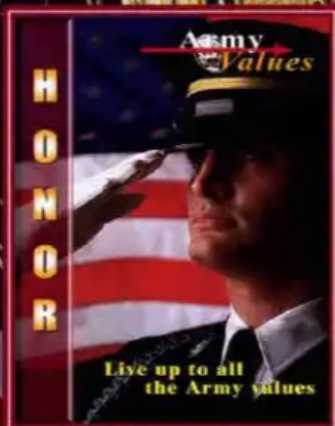


HONOR

Chief Warrant Officer Raymond A. Frank enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and served three tours in the Republic of Vietnam. In 1990, he skillfully handled an aircraft emergency, and saved the lives of eight soldiers. Although he was

severely injured and told he may never walk again, he overcame the medical odds and continued his flying

career. CWO Frank was killed after his aircraft was shot down on 3 October 1993, while defending a downed American aircrew in distinguished career and Somalia. His ultimate sacrifice bring honor to our Nation and the Warrant Officer Corps.



WOC





Eight of the original 40 Army Mine Planter Warrant Officers Appointed in 1922 and pictured at Fort McPherson, Georgia



Army Mine Planters



1950-1974

"The Army Goes Rolling Along"

**March along,
Sing our song,
with the Army of the free.
Count the brave,
Count the true,
who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:**

**First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along**

**Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where're we go,
You will always know
That the Army goes rolling along.**



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**Thank you for celebrating
the 106th Warrant Officer
Birthday.**



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