

Senior Warrant officer Advisory Council

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Agenda

1. Purpose
2. SWOAC Charter
3. Current WO Initiatives
4. Questions

Purpose

To Provide the USAWOA attendees an understanding of the SWOAC.

1 November 2005 SWOAC Charter

Mission and Purpose

MISSION: The SWOAC serves as a continuing body to introduce, review and address potential issues concerning Army systems, policies and programs designed to produce ready and relevant warrant officers who are capable of supporting the Army mission in their roles as soldiers, officers, leaders and technicians across the full spectrum of operational environments. The council will provide Department of the Army level integration and synchronization and advice to the Army leadership for career field related issues across all branch proponents.

PURPOSE: Warrant Officers perform a unique and critical role as part of the Army leadership team. The council provides a leadership forum to address policies and issues and to leverage the tremendous capability within the Warrant Officer Corps. The SWOAC is an advisory body and is not intended to replace any activity within the Army.

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SWOAC Composition

- The Center For Army Leadership WO LD Officer (Army WO) will Chair the SWOAC, preside over council meetings, coordinate meetings and publish minutes and an AAR within 10 days of each meeting adjournment.
- Council members will include the WO Advisor to CSA; CWOB/RCWO from AD, AG, AV, EN, FA, JA, MC, MI, MP, OD, QM, SC, SF, TC and VC; the NG and Reserve CCWO; Deputy Commandant WOCC; G-1; G-3; and TRADOC. If a regular member cannot be present, they can send a designated representative.
- WO representatives from HRC and USAREC will serve as advisors to the council, as will any other WOs invited by the SWOAC or the Chairman.

SWOAC Meeting Format

- SWOAC is an advisory committee. The council has no internal decision making authority, but functions as an Army level advisory group comprised of branch and other organizational leadership representatives.
- The meeting format is very similar to a Council of Colonels. Members submit recommended topics to the chairman in an information paper. The Chairman sends it to the membership so they can get a branch opinion and be prepared to vote (if necessary) at the next meeting. Voting takes place on voting sheets and quad-charts are developed to track votes. Working issues are tracked and updates are given at meetings.

Current Issues

- WO1 Commissioning
- Active duty WO PME backlog.
- Funding for FY-09 development of T/F NA approved courses.
- AC versus RC training program discrepancies.
- WO attendance at ILE, formalizing the process.
- APFT/AFS waivers for WO accessions.
- Army leader Development Strategy and WO annex.
- SWOAC Charter.

How to Propose Issues to the SWOAC

1. Talk to your CWOB/RCWO/CCWO and bring up an issue. They are the members and can bring issues.

- Be proactive, write it down
- Offer solutions, not complaints
- Understand not all issues need to be solved at that level

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Questions?
