

# **Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Award**

The United States Army Warrant Officers Association's (USAWOA) Warrant Officer of the Year Award, which was instituted in 1989, was renamed in 1993 as the CW4 Albert M. Holcombe Warrant Officer of the Year Award in honor of a USAWOA member who distinguished them self by their selfless dedication to the Association and the Army Warrant Officer Corps.

Beginning in the early 1970's, CW4 Holcombe was instrumental in organizing the European Warrant Officers Association. Al worked tirelessly to merge a number of separate, small warrant officer associations within Europe into a consortium of chapters, which soon became the European Warrant Officer Association and later, the European Region of USAWOA. Representing European USAWOA, Al traveled to Washington, DC to meet with others interested in forming an international organization. He was the prime mover in working out the details for an orderly consolidation of the European USAWOA and the USAWOA.

Upon his transfer to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Al immediately set about to organize the Arizona Chapter of USAWOA. His enthusiasm and love for the Corps and the Association resulted in his election as the USAWOA Region 2 Director, a position in which he served for over 15 years.

CW4 Holcombe was an institution at USAWOA Annual Meetings, contributing not only his enthusiasm and knowledge of the Corps, but also his personal financial support to the Scholarship Fund, Building Fund, and the operating fund. Al declined reimbursement for his various expenses as a Region Director. For more than 10 years he prepared the Arizona Chapter newsletter, "Eagletalk", and kept the chapter actively involved in community service projects and social affairs.

CW4 Holcombe's military career began prior to World War II in the days of the horse cavalry. He was recalled during the Korean War and remained on active duty until his mandatory retirement. Serving as an aviation maintenance technician, Al was the epitome of the senior warrant officer. He actively and tactfully mentored your warrant officers and senior officers as well. Despite his age and length of service, his enthusiasm for the Corps and his dedication to fellow warrant officers never diminished.

CW4 Holcombe passed away in 1992. The USAWOA Board of Directors honored Al by renaming the USAWOA Warrant Officer of the Year Award as the Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Award.

**NOMINATION FORMAT FOR  
CW4 ALBERT M. HOLCOMBE MEMORIAL  
WARRANT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**FROM:** (chapter or individual)

**SUBJECT:** Nomination for CW4 Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Warrant Officer of the Year Award

**THRU:** Chapter President (or designated representative)  
Region President/Director (or designated representative)

**TO:** Chairperson, National Awards Committee  
United States Army Warrant Officers Association  
462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 207  
Herndon, VA 20170-5235

The following information is submitted as the justification for the nomination of (State nominee's name) for the CW4 Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Warrant Officer of the Year.

1. Nominee's name, social security number, address and chapter.
2. Personal biography: Military status, marital status; family members; organization assigned to; education (military and civilian); organizational involvement; hobbies; past and present USAWOA offices held (if applicable). (250 words or less)
3. Recruiting: (If applicable)
  - a. Number of members recruited:
  - b. Membership drive involvement:
4. Personal involvement with chapter activities: (if applicable)
  - a. Community Affairs:
  - b. Fund raising;
  - c. Professional Development:
  - d. Committee membership:\
5. Recognition by other organizations:
6. Items of special interest: (fully describe one significant activity which qualified the nominee for the award.)

**SIGNATURE**

**Enclosures**

(Note: Address all paragraphs. If no information is available for the above listed areas state "NONE" or "N/A"]

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