

Chief Warrant Officer Five Tom O'Sullivan
Command Chief Warrant Officer
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CW5 O'Sullivan was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He spent part of his youth on his grandparents' farm in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland. He attended Boston College and received his BA in Special Education and his MA in Learning Disabilities. He enlisted in the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1968 and was assigned to the 1-182 Infantry. The 1-182 INF ("The Nation's First") was established on Oct 7, 1636 and is the oldest infantry unit in the United States. CW5 O'Sullivan rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class/E7 as a Platoon Leader within the infantry headquarters company. He then became the Personnel Staff Non-Commissioned Officer for the battalion.

In 1981 he accepted an appointment as a Warrant Officer One. He was reassigned to the 182 Infantry Personnel Action Center as the Personnel Officer. In 1983, he was assigned to Headquarters State Area Command (HQ STARC) in Boston, Mass. At this time he was involved in the newly organized Family Assistance Program as the family support coordinator. He worked on the Retention Assistance Team canvassing all the units in the state. Subsequently, he became the Education Officer, Test Control Officer, Testing and GED Administrator. He handled GI Bill and Army Continuing Education System (ACES) programs for all service members. He was actively involved in the Safety Office as a Risk Management instructor specializing in weapons and pyrotechnics.

In 1984, he was transferred to Joint Forces Headquarters Massachusetts. At this location he became involved with the Drug and Alcohol Abuse section, becoming both an instructor and a monitor. He was then assigned as the recorder for the administrative discharge review boards working with the Judge Advocate General (JAG) office on a daily basis. Additionally, Chief O'Sullivan administered the semi-annual weigh-in and Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) for the Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ). He received his MBA from Anna Maria College in 1991.

In 2001, CW5 O'Sullivan was selected to be the first Command Chief Warrant Officer for the State of Massachusetts from a field of twenty seven eligible warrant officers. He was chosen the Region I Chair to the Senior Warrant Advisory Council in 2003 and elected as the Vice-Chairman of the council in 2004. In 2006, Chief O'Sullivan received a "by-name" request to come to National Guard Bureau J5 as a senior policy analyst. At that time he left his civilian position of twenty five years, as a director of a regional vocational-technical high school. On September 13, 2007 the Director of the Army National Guard announced that CW5 O'Sullivan would henceforth serve as the Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Army National Guard.

