

**Fort Knox Celebrates the Warrant Officer Corps 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**



Chapter President, CW4 Roy W Elmore Jr. is assisted in the Cake Cutting Ceremony by CW4 (Ret) Michael J. Myers and WO1 Micaela S. Atkins



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Mr. Emmet E. Holley, Fort Knox Deputy Garrison Commander, delivered the Warrant Officer Corps 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration Opening Remarks



CW5 Janie M. Diamond, Guest Speaker, Fort Knox Warrant Officer Corps 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration delivers keynote speech

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As the rain steadily poured on an otherwise warm July 8, 2011, so too did the stream of Warrant Officers arriving at the Fort Knox's Leaders Club to commemorate the 93<sup>rd</sup> US Army Warrant Corps Birthday. The event occurred right on the heels of the Nation's 235<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. The spirit of Warrant Officer Service to a grateful nation was echoed throughout the event. *Mr. Emmet E. Holley*, the Fort Knox Deputy Garrison Commander, provided opening remarks that featured technical pointers he learned from a supply Warrant Officer as a young Lieutenant. He challenged the attendees to "remain relevant in the future" by broadening their experience base with education, operational assignments and mentorship.

*CW5 Janie Diamond* delivered the key note address to a packed room of Warrant Officers, retirees, NCOs, Soldiers, and community leaders. Her humorous delivery was enjoyed by all as she reflected on the exponential growth of the Corps, particularly at Fort Knox. In fact, "the previous six years there were no on-post Warrant Officer Birthday celebrations, not to mention, the absence of designated parking at the PX/Commissary for Senior Warrant Officers," she remarked. Fort Knox has now recognized the advent of Warrant Officers on post and their value to the Army. Garrison officials responded accordingly by erecting parking signs, supporting the Derby Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association and participating in the birthday event. Their commitment to the Corps and this installation is unwavering.

Other events included historical reviews, videos of Warrant Officers in action and a cake cut-cutting ceremony. The culminating event was a free drawing for a Warrant Officer "Eagle Rising" Ring. *CW4 Roy Elmore*, the Derby Chapter President, was thrilled to have hosted the first Post-wide celebration in over six years. "A great time was had by all participants," he said. Attendees were afforded an opportunity to join the association, and engage in fellowship with other Warrant Officers and members of the community from across the installation.

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