



DISPATCH RIDER

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA SILVER CHAPTER, USAWOA TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. ANY AND ALL MATERIAL MAY BE REPRODUCED PROVIDED FULL WRITTEN CREDIT IS GIVEN AT THE SAME TIME.

NOVEMBER 2009

THANKSGIVING 2009



Darlene and I join with the EXCOM in wishing all Chapter members and their families a most happy Thanksgiving along with the opportunity for all of us to remember all we have to be thankful for this year.

HERO WHO LED LAST BAYONET CHARGE DIES



Some years ago, I had the privilege, at a Company Dining-Out to meet Retired Col. Lewis L. Millett, who received the Medal of Honor during the Korean War for leading what was reportedly the last major American bayonet charge, died Nov 14.

For the full story see: <http://www.military.com/news/article/army-news/hero-who-led-last-bayonet-charge-dies.html?col=1186032369115>

DON STIVERS PASSES AWAY



On November 5, 2009, *Don Stivers*, noted military artist, passed away - he was the painter of USAWOA commissioned "*The Quiet Professional*" and "*LET GO*"! limited edition prints. For nearly six decades, Don Stivers has captured the poignancy and peril of history's most storied battles, from Bull Run to Bastogne to Baghdad. Whether his subject is significant to our nation as a whole, or of deep personal import to the individuals involved in each painting, Don's attention to accuracy and emotional detail has made him one of our generation's most appreciated military artists, and his prints are collected and cherished by soldiers and enthusiasts the world over.

SHEEPDOGS

Every year on veterans day I like to send out this Russ Vaughn poem as it says so much about my brothers and sisters in uniform both past and present. CW4 (Ret) Frederick E. Ferguson MOH USAR.

**By Russ Vaughn
2nd Bn, 327th Parachute Regiment
101 Airborne Division
Vietnam 65-67**

**Most humans truly are like sheep
Wanting nothing more than peace to keep
To graze, grow fat and raise their young,
sweet taste of clover on the tongue.**

**Their lives serene upon life's farm
They sense no threat nor fear no harm
On verdant meadows, they forage free
with naught to fear, with naught to flee
They pay their sheepdogs little heed
for there is no threat, there is no need**

**To the flock, sheepdogs are mysteries
Roaming watchful round the peripheries
These fang toothed creatures bark, they roar
With the fetid reek of the carnivore
Too like the wolf of legends told
To be amongst our docile fold**

**Who needs sheepdogs? What good are they
They have no use, not in this day
Lock them away, out of our sight
We have no need of their fierce might**

**But sudden in their midst a beast
Has come to kill, has come to feast
The wolves attack,
they give no warning
Upon that calm September morning
They slash and kill with frenzied glee
Their passive helpless enemy
Who had no clue the wolves were there
Far roaming from their Eastern lair**

**Then from the carnage, from the rout
Comes the cry, "Turn the sheepdogs out"
Thus is our nature but too our plight
To keep our dogs on leashes tight
And live a life of illusive bliss
Hearing not the beast, his growl, his hiss
Until he has us by the throat,
We pay no heed, we take no note**

**Not until he strikes us at our core
Will we unleash the dogs of war
Only having felt the wolf packs wrath
Do we lose the sheepdogs on its path**

And the wolves will learn what we've shown before

WE LOVE OUR SHEEP, WE DOGS OF WAR

To my sheepdog friends with respect for your service

SAVE THE DATES



**38th USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members
October 25-29, 2010**



**Embassy Suites Hotel, Huntsville, AL
Hosted by the Redstone Arsenal Chapter in Huntsville, AL**

HELP WANTED

MAC Tools, a division of USAWOA Corporate Member Stanley Tools, is looking for retired Maintenance Warrant Officers for positions across the U. S.

Ideal candidate will have two to three years in the commercial market and be a retired Maintenance/Logistics Warrant Officer.

Interested individuals can send questions or resumes to Mel Hamner, Government Sales Manager, Stanley Industrial & Automotive Supply. Email is mhamner@stanleyworks.com.

NEW TRICARE COUNSELING VIDEO



November is the Month of the Military Family, but military families face stress all year long. It doesn't hurt to get help. From deployment worries to strained relationships to dealing with a tragedy, TRICARE is testing a new video counseling service to help military members and families see "eye-to-eye" with their problems. The TRICARE Assistance Program (TRIAP) is just one of several ways to get convenient, confidential help through a licensed behavioral health counselor. Services are available to any active duty service member (ADSM) in the United States, their spouse, and other eligible family members 18 years of age or older. All that's needed is a computer, Webcam and the associated software. TRIAP "visits" are unlimited and include assessments, short-term counseling and, if the TRIAP counselor determines more specialized care is necessary, referral to a more comprehensive level of care. Get details and get linked up to the appropriate TRICARE region at <http://www.tricare.mil/TRIAP>

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FACT SHEET



The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation (USAWOA SF) was created in 2003 to assume funding responsibility and administration of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA) Scholarship Program. The Foundation is pleased to provide this service to the family members of USAWOA

Members in good standing.

The **goal of the USAWOA SF program** is to make financial awards to the most deserving candidates. Decisions are made by a selection committee and are based on the whole-person concept. Over the years, USAWOA conducted various fund raising events. Substantial portions of the proceeds were set aside for the scholarship program. The Foundation does likewise and also explores other fund raising opportunities. The Foundation awards scholarships of not less than \$1,000 each to deserving and qualified applicants selected by the screening committee. Some separate, specific scholarships may also be awarded. Entities or individuals externally fund these scholarships. A separate application is NOT required for these specific scholarships.

Application packets must be received between January 1st and May 1st, of each year in order to be considered for that year's program. Completed application packets should be mailed directly to: USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, c/o USAWOA, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235,

Applications for scholarships are **accepted from the children (natural and adopted) and dependent stepchildren, under the age of 23 years (seniors in high school or above), of members in good standing in the USAWOA (must have been a member for a minimum of six months).** **Spouses of members in good standing are also eligible** and may apply for scholarship assistance in educational endeavors. Applications must be complete at the time of receipt. No "partial" applications will be accepted. All applications must be received at USAWOASF by the 1st of May each year in order to be considered. Awards are announced during the first week of July. Names of selectees are posted on the USAWOA SF Home page as soon as possible after the announcement of the awards.

QUICK HIRE OF MILITARY SPOUSES

Started in September, under a personnel rule, some military spouses could be quickly hired for federal jobs without going through the usual competitive process. The new hiring authority takes effect Sept. 11.

The Office of Personal Management issued the authority's final regulatory guidelines Aug. 12. The guidelines are posted in the Federal Register under the title: "Noncompetitive Appointment of Certain Military Spouses."-

For the full story go to: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2009/08/17/26071-quick-hire-of-military-spouses-starts-in-september/?ref=home-headline-title3>

FREE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MILITARY SPOUSES



Operation Life Transformed created Education Purple, a free credited training certification program for military spouses. Spouses of Servicemembers who have received the Purple Heart since 2001 are eligible for the program. For more information on the certifications offered and application requirements, visit www.lifetransformed.org and click on "Education Purple."



UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Arizona Silver Chapter



GRILLED SALMON



PRIME RIB

CHICKEN MARSALA

Wednesday 09 December 2009 At 1800

At the Mesquite Restaurant

Any of the above Entrees

Plus all Non-Alcoholic Beverages Included

HERE'S THE DEAL OF THE SEASON

ALL Chapter Members EAT for FREE

NON-Members Pay JUST \$24.95

Seating is limited so Reservations are a
MUST. RSVP by December 4th
to Don Newcomer at 520-456-1018 or
dmnewc@outdrs.net.

ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS MEAL WITH

YOUR FELLOW WARRANT OFFICERS

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