



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CAREER COLLEGE
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATSW-Z

27 September 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WARRANT OFFICER CANDIDATES

SUBJECT: Warrant Officer Candidate School Welcome and Orientation

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS). The WOCS is a physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging school designed to prepare you to begin your warrant officer career. The daily training, mentoring, and feedback regimen in a task saturated environment will help you refine the leadership skills and attributes required of an Army warrant officer. Your appointment to Warrant Officer One is contingent upon successful completion of this rewarding program. If appointed you will have a sense of accomplishment and pride in knowing that you are prepared to begin your new career as an Army officer.

2. There are several things you can do to mentally and physically prepare prior to reporting to WOCS:

a. Resolve to exceed the leadership challenges you will encounter during the program. The stronger your motivation to succeed, the better you will do.

b. Ignore any rumors you may have heard about WOCS. The course is constantly refined even though the training and leader development goals of WOCS remain focused in preparing you to serve as an officer and leader of character.

c. To the maximum extent possible, resolve personal, financial, and family matters before you report. Address these variables before you arrive to help you concentrate on your training.

d. Get into superb physical condition before you arrive to enable you to do your best in daily physical training and to help you acclimatize your body to the higher temperatures and humidity prevalent in the Southeast corner of lower Alabama throughout the year.

3. Congratulations on your selection. The cadre and staff of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College look forward to helping you acquire the tools you will need to better serve our Nation and our Army as a Warrant Officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.O. Smith".

STANLEY O. SMITH
Colonel, Aviation
Commandant

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Orientation Packet