**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**
**UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CAREER COLLEGE**
**FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA 36362-5000**

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATSW-CD 3 June 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR All Warrant Officer Candidates

SUBJECT: Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) Welcome and Orientation

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend 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 career as an Army officer.

2. There are several things you can do to be mentally and physically prepared for WOCS:

a. Resolve to exceed standards in the leadership challenges you will encounter during WOCS. The stronger your internal motivation, 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 here 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.

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