

OPORD: (Warrant Officer Change of Insignia Ceremony)

REFERENCES: None

TASK ORGANIZATION: No Change

1. **SITUATION:** No Change

2. **MISSION:** 3rd BDE / 3ID conducts the Warrant Officer Change of Insignia Ceremony vic of the 3rd BCT HQ area 090900JUL04. All Warrant Officers assigned to the 3rd BDE / 3 ID will take part in the official celebration.

3. **EXECUTION:**

- a. Commander's Intent: Conduct a ceremony commemorating the change in requirements for Warrant Officers to wear the insignia of their designated branch.
- b. Concept of Operation: Provide Soldiers and equipment to assist in the Warrant Officer Change of Insignia Ceremony. The inclement weather plan will be to hold the ceremony in the 203rd SSA Bay.
- c. Sub Unit Instructions: All battalions will ensure that all available warrant officers are present for the ceremony.

S-1 will provide:

Will narrate the ceremony.
SEE ANNEX A (Narrative)

S-2 will provide:

Weather report NLT 090730JUL04.

S-3 will provide:

BDE Colors, National Colors, and stand.

S-4 coordinate and provide:

Coffee and Juice for 40 people
Pastries for 40 people
Cups and condiments

S-6 will provide:

The Sound System and Soldiers to operate the sound system.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

1. Direct coordination MUST be done with POC for further pertinent information.

2. Sequence of events:

9 July 04:

0800 - COMMO has sound system set up and checked
0815 - Narrator conducts practice
0830 - Chairs placed
0900 - Ceremony begins
0930 - Ceremony Ends

Uniform: BDUs, Boots, and Beret

Any support issues should be addressed to POC

3. All units will ensure ALL assigned Warrant Officers are present on the day of the ceremony.

4. **SERVICE SUPPORT:** NO CHANGE

5. **COMMAND AND SIGNAL:** N/A

Points of Contact:

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| a. | POC/OIC: | CW5 Del Valle @ 544-3016 |
| b. | BDE S-3 | Maj. House |

ACKNOWLEDGE

LTC Ward
BDE XO

OFFICIAL
LEDBETTER
S-3
ANNEX A (Narrative)

ANNEX A (Narrative) to OPORD

WARRANT OFFICER CHANGE OF INSIGNIA SEQUENCE:

1. * UNIT IS FORMED AS APPROPRIATE WITH ALL CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS IN A SEPARATE FORMATION.
2. 3rd BDE / 3ID BDE XO IS IN POSITION AND HONORS TO THE NATION ARE RENDERED.
3. THE BDE S1 WILL READ THE FOLLOWING:

"TODAY WE RECOGNIZE A HISTORIC MILESTONE IN THE PROFESSIONAL EVOLUTION OF THE U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CORPS. TODAY THESE WARRANT OFFICERS EXCHANGE THE VENERABLE "EAGLE RISING" COLLAR INSIGNIA FOR THE EQUALLY VENERABLE INSIGNIA OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL SERVICE BRANCHES. OVER THE MANY YEARS, BRANCHES HAVE BENEFITED IMMEASURABLY FROM THE PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND OPERATIONAL MILITARY ACUMEN OF THEIR WARRANT OFFICERS. THE TRADITIONAL WARRANT OFFICER COLLAR INSIGNIA, AN EAGLE RISING WITH WINGS DISPLAYED, STANDING ON A BUNDLE OF TWO ARROWS, ALL ENCLOSED IN A WREATH OF GOLD, IS A COMBINATION OF MILITARY SYMBOLS SIGNIFYING STRENGTH, ACHIEVEMENT AND PROWESS IN COMBAT. THE "EAGLE RISING" INSIGNIA, ORIGINALLY ADOPTED IN 1921, IS EMBLEMATIC OF A TIME WHEN WARRANT OFFICERS' TECHNICAL SKILLS AND DUTIES COULD BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN SERVICE ARMS EASILY AND WITH LITTLE FORMAL TRAINING. THE CONTEMPORARY WARRANT OFFICER HAS VERY FOCUSED, COMPLEX AND SPECIFIC TECHNICAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES HONED THROUGH EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING AND APPLIED TO THE MISSION OF A SINGLE BRANCH OR FUNCTIONAL AREA. IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRANCH FOCUSED ROLES AS SEASONED, SPECIALIZED TECHNICIANS, EFFECTIVE TODAY, 9 JULY 2004, BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, WARRANT OFFICERS WILL WEAR THE INSIGNIA OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL BRANCH OF THEIR SPECIFIC BRANCH TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

4. THE BDE XO REMOVES THE OLD COLLAR INSIGNIA AND RANK OF THE SENIOR WARRANT, AND THEN PROCEDUES TO EACH OF THE PLATOONS TO CHANGE OUT THE DESIGNATED BRANCH INSIGNIA.
 5. UPON COMPLETION OF THE INSIGNIA EXCHANGE, THE COMMANDER MAKES HIS COMMENTS.
- * UNIFORM FOR THE CEREMONY WILL BE BDU'S.