

# PROCLAMATION

**Be it known**, the Army recognized the need for a small corps of technicians and created the Warrant Officer Corps in 1918; and,

**Whereas**, the Army recognized these professionals to be Soldiers in 1919; and,

**Whereas**, the Army established a rank structure for warrant officers in 1949; and,

**Whereas**, the Army acknowledged warrant officers as officers in 1954; and,

**Whereas**, Congress granted them a commission from the President and parity with the Army's commissioned officers in 1987; and,

**Whereas**, we salute their heritage as a members of the Warrant Officer Corps and members of a unique group of professionals with very distinct responsibilities and technical abilities; and,

**Whereas**, today, we ask them to stand side by side with their fellow Ordnance Corps commissioned officers;

I, as the Chief of Ordnance, do hereby acknowledge

**Chief Warrant Officer Five John Doe**

as an outstanding professional in the Ordnance Corps.

In witness thereof

***Go Ordnance!***



On this date,  
9 July 2004

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William M. Lenaers  
Brigadier General, US Army  
Chief of Ordnance