



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Warrant Officer Career Center
Fort Rucker, Alabama 36362-5000

Family Members and Friends of Warrant Officer Candidate, _____ Class# 08-14

Dear Family Members and Friends:

Your Soldier is currently enrolled in Warrant Officer Candidate School. The training is challenging both physically and mentally. In a few short weeks, the candidates who successfully meet all requirements will graduate. Class # 08-14 graduates on **Date: 6 JUN 08, Time: 1030** (10:30 am). If you are attending graduation, please ensure your loved one is aware of your plans. There are numerous hotels in the local area that offer pleasant accommodations and reasonable rates (Daleville, Enterprise, Ozark, and Dothan).

Spouses of candidates are encouraged to attend two classes with the candidates: Financial Management and Army Customs, Courtesies and Traditions. These classes normally occur two days before graduation, but please check with your candidate and the student chain of command for class schedules. *Sorry, but children cannot attend these classes, regardless of age.*

Financial Management: **Date: 4 JUN 08 Time: 0830** (8:30 am)

Army Customs, Courtesies and Traditions: **Date: 4 JUN 08 Time: 1330** (1:30pm)

This appointment of your Soldier to Warrant Officer is a momentous occasion in their life. In keeping with this event, I respectfully request that the dress and conduct of the guests be appropriate to the occasion.

The following four events lead up to graduation:

1. Sunday prior to graduation: Candidates are/may be granted an eight-hour pass with family members. Normally the pass is from 0830hrs (8:30am) to 1630hrs (4:30pm).

2. Day prior to graduation: **Date: 5 JUN 08 at 1700 hours** (5:00 pm), the Commander's Graduation Reception will take place at the Aviators Landing. This culminating event allows you to meet the Training, Advising and Counseling (TAC) Officers, Academics Branch Instructors and the Company Commander. The candidate class Social Officer will coordinate with the Fort Rucker Child Development Center to arrange childcare for the Graduation Reception. Attire for the reception is the Class A/B uniform for active or retired officers and enlisted. Civilians should wear clothes appropriate for a wedding or church.

3. Candidates are normally granted an overnight pass in the local area. All candidates are required to report back to 1st Warrant Officer Company **NLT 0530** (5:30 am), or as directed by their Primary TAC Officer, the following morning.

4. Graduation Day: **Date: 6 JUN 08, Time: 1030** is at the US Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker. Guests are encouraged to participate in and photograph the pinning ceremony. We strongly encourage family members not to show up earlier than 20 minutes prior to the Graduation start time. Please dress appropriately. Children are encouraged to attend.

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