

# End of line for warrant officer missile training here

*Redstone's last class graduates before course goes to Fort Lee*



**Some of the 12 graduates -- all Warrant Officers 1 -- include from left, Christopher Werth, Ryan Torres, John Pesta, Joshua Nunley and Carlton Neal. (Photo by Skip Vaughn)**

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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. -- These Soldiers represented the end of more than 40 years of warrant officer missile training at Redstone Arsenal.

This graduating class of 12 warrant officers marked the end of the line for the training here because it's going to Fort Lee, Va., as part of the Ordnance school's move under base realignment and closure.

"It's closing that chapter of the Warrant Officer Corps," Chief Warrant Officer 4 Miguel Santiagorodriguez, chief of the Warrant Officer Training Division, said.

The 12-member graduating class was also the largest ever for the course, which normally averages 8-9 students.

The March 10 graduation ceremony for the 948-Delta Missile Systems Technician course culminated 17 weeks of training.

"That's the last class of missile maintenance warrant officers that will be training at Redstone Arsenal," Santiagorodriguez said. "That's over 40 years. It started around the late 1960s."

Dr. Harry Hobbs, communications relations officer for the Huntsville Police Department and a retired chief warrant officer 5, was the ceremony's guest speaker.

"You've already received the finest technical training you can attain in your field," Hobbs told the graduates.

He gave them advice from his 30-year military career.

"When providing information to your Soldiers or your superiors, provide it accurately," he said. "We want you to give good accurate information.

"Never ever forget to take care of your Soldiers or where you came from -- which is "NCO Corps" the backbone of our nation's Army," Hobbs advised. "Please remember, everything you do and say is going to impact someone."

The graduates, all Warrant Officers 1, included Angelo Alarcon, Antonio Alcocer, Wesley Brown, Jose Cruz, Michael Guisby, Randall Hebb, Marcus McMillian, Carlton Neal, Joshua Nunley, John Pesta, Ryan Torres and Christopher Werth.