

**Quartermaster Professional Bulletin Article: Quartermaster Regimental Chief Warrant Officer  
"Quartermaster Warrant Warriors on Point for this Nation"**

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Warriors First!

Fellow Warriors, I have the distinct honor of serving as your new Regimental Warrant Officer and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and more importantly share with you my vision, my perspective and how I see the roles and responsibilities of the Quartermaster Warrant Warrior from my foxhole.

We are a nation at war and the Quartermaster Warrant Officer Corps fully understands and appreciates the challenges associated with prosecuting a non-linear, asynchronous fight while simultaneously transforming and modernizing equipment, unit formations, structures and training.

There is no "I" in team...and I am a huge proponent of the team. No one treads the path to Victory alone...all must align with a battle buddy and ensure they are a fully integrated member of the greater Army team. Our Quartermaster Warrant Corps numbers nearly 3,000 and frankly there is no challenge which can not be adroitly handled by the depth and breadth of this tactical, operational and strategic team!

Relevant training delivered to Warrant Warriors enabled with requisite resources to enable the Commanders' fight is critical and I can report to you today that the QMC&S and the Training Division of CASCOM is working hard to ensure that end is met for every WOBC and WOAC student to attend training and Post MEL 1&4 training, currently in the design phase.

The modern day Quartermaster Warrant Officers is a teacher, mentor, trainer, coach and is tactically and technically competent in their respective field. They are a significant combat force generation enabler to the Commander and are an integral member of the Enlisted, NCO, and Officer planning and execution team. First, and foremost, the Commander demands premier technical expertise to ensure emerging information systems are integrated correctly into the fabric of the operation and proper policy, procedures and practices are followed in support of the Warrior on point.

The Technician binds, translates, and interprets the Commanders' intent and ensures the guidance, resources, and direction is firmly appreciated by the execution teams. Fully joined at the hip with the NCO and the Soldier to ensure requisite training, standards, and quality controls are in place to warrant successful mission completion. Further, Warrants set feedback mechanisms, ensure safety awareness, risk mitigation, and accountability of resources.

Quartermaster warrants officers exist fundamentally in the implied task zone...scan your lanes and do what is right always to the professional standard that Commanders require and the fight demands. Remember the only constant is change and hence you must be flexible. Attributes and characteristics most valued in our great Warrant Officers: the ability to ensure success for the Commander and to harness the tremendous talents of the team towards the stated and shared objective.

Would like to take this opportunity to formally highlight two (2) critical enablers to my team: CW5 David Dickson and CW3(P) Roderick Bohall.

CW5 David Dickson is our National Guard and Reserve Warrant Officer Proponent. Please ensure you read his excellent article in this periodical.

CW3(P) Roderick Bohall as our new Active Duty Warrant Officer Proponent at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School. He comes with a wealth of deployed, division, non-divisional; tactical, operational and strategic assignments. Tremendous addition to a great team and we look forward to him tackling challenging tasks on behalf of force requirements.

In closing Albert Einstein remarked, "Genius is 2% genius and 98% blood, sweat and tears" and my thoughts are that if it was easy they would not need us...each and every one of you share tremendous talents, skills, core competencies, experiences, military and civilian education and impact every segment of our total force.

To serve our nation, our Army and our Soldiers is a tremendous opportunity. Continue to think and lead your Soldier Teams through the challenges you encounter. Look forward to seeing you on the high ground.

Success is a contact sport and QM Warrant Warriors are in contact!

Biography Portion:

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