In 1970, while accompanying a medical evacuation team, Warrant Officer Rocco's aircraft was forced to crash land. Ignoring his own injuries and intense enemy fire, Warrant Officer Rocco carried three unconscious soldiers 20 meters to a friendly position. His actions displayed loyalty to others above himself, and exemplified the Warrant Officer Corp's values.
Throughout his 24-year career, Chief Warrant Officer Thomas J. Hennen produced numerous training programs to support the fielding of new intelligence systems at the tactical and national level. On 24 November 1991, aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, his career culminated when he became the first Warrant Officer in space. CW4 Hennen’s dedication to duty exemplifies the Warrant Officer Corps values.
Today’s Warrant Officer Corps is a well educated, diverse, group of dedicated professional men and women. Engrained into the Corps is the basic value of respect – “Treat people as they should be treated.” Respect drives this professional force to bridge differences, and complete the mission, keeping our nation on the leading edge with a highly trained, cohesive fighting force.
Chief Warrant Officer Randy Jones enlisted in the Army in May 1969. At the time of his retirement 29 years later, CW5 Jones was the most experienced combat aviator in the Army. He volunteered for and participated in combat action in Vietnam, Panama, Persian Gulf, Desert Storm, and Somalia. He was an original member of TF160 and spent a total of 19 years in special operations. Many of the missions that he led were classified operations in direct support of the National Command Authority. His selfless service to nation and to his fellow soldiers was demonstrated not just at home, but on battlefields around the world. He was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1993 – the first CW5 to ever receive that honor.
Chief Warrant Officer Raymond A. Frank enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and served three tours in the Republic of Vietnam. In 1990, he skillfully handled an aircraft emergency and saved the lives of eight soldiers. Although he was severely injured and told he may never walk again, he overcame the medical odds and continued his flying career. CWO Frank was killed after his aircraft was shot down on 3 October 1993, while defending a downed American aircrew in distinguished career and Somalia. His ultimate sacrifice bring honor to our Nation and the Warrant Officer Corps.
In 1968, by landing his helicopter between fleeing civilians and pursuing American ground troops, Chief Warrant Officer Hugh Thompson's decision to do what was right, legally and morally, saved the lives of at least ten Vietnamese civilians. Warrant Officer Thompson's actions exemplify the highest standard of integrity, and are a direct reflection of the values that represent the Warrant Officer Corps.
CW4 Mike Novosel courageously maneuvered his helicopter into a heavily fortified and defended enemy area. Flying without gunship or other cover, he was able to locate and extract 29 wounded soldiers in the face of intense enemy gunfire. CW4 Novosel and his crew faced grave danger, but still re-entered the battle area six times and effected 15 hazardous extractions. CW4 Novosel’s personal courage and quick action exemplify the Warrant Officer Corps’ values.