

Warrant Officer Candidate School Migrates to the Regional Training Institutes

The Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) program has recently undergone a number of sweeping changes to better conform to Army war-time needs. Among the changes is the authorized migration of the WOCS program to the Regional Training Institutes (RTIs) nationwide.

This version of the WOCS program allows Soldiers who may have employment, family and/or other related issues attend a course that better accommodates their individual needs. The traditional WOCS program at Fort Rucker, Alabama remains a viable alternative as an “accelerated” program. For more information on that “evolving” program, visit the Warrant Officer Career Center website at: <https://leav-www.army.mil/wocc/woes/wocs.htm>.

Beginning in January 2006, 13 test States (including California) received authorization to conduct Phases 1 (Distance Learning) and 2A (5-MUTA 5 IDT periods). California’s program is being held at the RTI located at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. Phase 2B (2 week AT period) is scheduled to commence at Camp Atterbury, Indiana in September 2006. All 13 test States will send their Warrant Officer Candidates (WOCs) to that site for FY 06.

In October 2006 (FY 07) all States will be authorized to conduct Phases 1 and 2A while Phase 2 B will be conducted on a Regional basis. For FY 07, the DL Phase 1 will be begin in October (registration in July 2006) and end in December while the 5-MUTA 5 IDT periods will be conducted January through May 2007. It is anticipated that the 2B Phase will be conducted regionally in June 2007.

Applicants interested in the WOCS RTI program are required to have approved predetermination packets prior to the start of the October 2006 DL Phase.

WOCS is a challenging academic and physical program where Warrior-related leadership activities are emphasized. There is a directed focus on officer roles and responsibilities and opportunities provided to exercise leadership. The Training, Advising, and Counseling (TACs) Officers concentrate on educating, training, and evaluating Candidates to enhance their leadership abilities for future service as Warrant Officers in the demanding contemporary operational environment (COE).

For more information on the WOCS Program, interested Soldiers should contact WO1 Tammy Henry, Warrant Officer Strength Manager for Northern California at (916) 854-4270 or CW2 Miche’ Norton, Warrant Officer Strength Manager for Southern California at (562) 795-2485. Potential applicants may wish to visit the State Command Chief Warrant Officer website (www.calguard.ca.gov/ccwo/) for application information.