

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Army Warrant Officer is a select and highly specialized cohort of the Army's Officer Corps comprising roughly three percent of the total force; and

WHEREAS: On July 9th, 1918, the United States Army Mine Planter Service was established by an act of Congress. On July 22nd, 1918, this act was published in War Department Bulletin 43, and the Mine Planter Service was placed under the U.S. Army Coast Artillery Corps; and

WHEREAS: A total of 40 Warrant Officers were subsequently authorized to serve as masters, mates, chief engineers, and assistant engineers on each mine planting vessel, thus becoming the first U.S. Army Warrant Officers; and

WHEREAS: The Army Warrant Officer is a self-aware and adaptive technical expert, combat leader, trainer, advisor, and above all else, trusted professional; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officers are vital instruments of their command. Commissioned as field leaders and entrusted as technical subject experts, Warrant Officers serve as operators, maintainers, managers, and analysts of the Army's advanced systems, aircraft, and weapons platforms; and

WHEREAS: Warrant Officers are integrators of emerging technologies, dynamic teachers, confident warfighters, as well as developers of specialized teams of Soldiers whom leaders depend on to provide concise, expert solutions to complex situations; and

WHEREAS: From Bandmasters in the late 1920s, to Military Personnel, Motor Transport, and Supply Warrant Officers at the end of World War II, Arkansas Army National Guard Warrant Officers now serve across 23 career specialties within 14 of the Army's 17 Warrant Officer branches; and

WHEREAS: The Governor, the Adjutant General, Arkansas citizens, and the Nation can count on Arkansas Army National Guard Warrant Officers to stand ready in support of Commanders, Staff, and Soldiers with their process and systems mastery, critical and creative thinking, and professional knowledge which prepares their formations for state, domestic, and global operations, whenever and wherever called upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim July 2018, as

ARKANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WARRANT OFFICER MONTH

across the State, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Army Warrant Officer Corps and their accomplishments. I encourage officers, noncommissioned officers, junior enlisted Soldiers, and all Arkansas citizens to recognize the positive impact of the Arkansas Army National Guard Warrant Officer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State