

MOAA CFC Chapter Member CW5 (Ret) Robert “Bob” Letendre is Selected as the Order of the Eagle Rising Society Inductee

It is with great honor that on behalf of the Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA) and the United States Army Warrant Officer Career College (USAWOCC), CW5 Clyde Wylie Jr., USAWOCC Deputy Commandant, announced that CW5 (Ret) Robert J. Letendre was selected by the Eagle Rising Society Selection Committee as the 2019 Order of the Eagle Rising Society inductee. Our very own (and well respected) Central Florida Chapter member Bob Letendre, CW5 (Ret), USA will be inducted into the Order of the Eagle Rising Society on 7 July 2020. Only 22 individuals have ever received this prestigious and rare honor in the past.

MOAA President Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins is scheduled to be the guest speaker, and due to limitations of COVID-19, he will be live on **Facebook**. Bob will attend the ceremony at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. On 7 July 2020 at 1000am (Central Standard Time) CW5 (Ret) Letendre will be inducted into the Order of the Eagle Rising Society. You are cordially invited to view the ceremony that will be hosted by Colonel Ross F. Nelson, Commandant, USAWOCC, Fort Rucker, AL. The virtual ceremony will be live streamed from the USAWOCC Facebook page. Facebook registration is not required. The link to **Facebook** follows: <https://www.facebook.com/USAWOCC/>.

This Society was established in 2004 as a joint venture between the Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA) and the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College (USAWOCC). The Order of the Eagle Rising Society annually recognizes one individual who has contributed significantly over his/her lifetime to the promotion of the warrant officer community in ways that stand out in the eyes of recipient's seniors, subordinates, and peers.

Unlike a military award for an event or assignment, induction into the Order of the Eagle Rising Society is intended to recognize outstanding contributions to the warrant officer community that has occurred over the course of an entire career, and continued well after retiring from the Profession of Arms. Appropriately, contributions must transcend the component, branch, or MOS and have a significant impact on the entire warrant officer community.



Chief Warrant Officer Five Robert J. Letendre, United States Army (Retired), served over 32 years on active duty. He was born and raised in Massachusetts and enlisted in the U. S. Army on October 31, 1966 in Providence, RI. After completing basic and advanced individual training, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Lai Khe, Vietnam (1967-1968). Subsequently, he was an instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, followed by an assignment to Sagami Depot, Japan.

In 1971, he was selected to attend the Army Nuclear Power Plant

Operator Course at Fort Belvoir, VA. In 1975, while assigned to the Army Floating Nuclear Power Plant STURGIS in the Panama Canal Zone, he was appointed as an Engineer Branch WO1.

During the next 24 years, he served with distinction in a number of highly specialized and unique assignments: Facilities Engineer Officer for a 200-bed Combat Support Hospital; Staff Officer for the Engineer School's Review of Education and Training for Officers (RETO) Study, concentrating on WO MOSs; Chief of Technical Training for the Army's year-long Prime Power School; two tours as Detachment Commander and technical advisor to the U.S. Ambassador in the Dominican Republic for two unique floating power plants, the 30 Megawatt Power Barge WEBER and the 50 Megawatt Power Barge IMPEDANCE; and as Prime Power Program Manager for worldwide deployment and technical support for large portable electrical power plants ranging in size from 750 Kilowatts to 30 Megawatts.

During the latter part of his career (1989 to 1999), he served in three consecutive Senior WO nominative positions, including: Leader Development Officer at Warrant Officer Division, PERSCOM; Chief of Warrant Officer Training & Leader Development Branch at HQ TRADOC; and Chief of Plans and Training Development at the Warrant Officer Career Center. These roles placed him at the forefront of leading an unprecedented decade of change and improvement within the Warrant Officer Community. He led or contributed to the successful implementation of every major WO study and initiative, including the 1985 Total Warrant Officer Study (TWOS); the Warrant Officer Management Act (WOMA) of 1991; and the 1992 Warrant Officer Leader Development Action Plan (WOLDAP).

Following his retirement in July 1999, he participated in the 2002 Army Training and Leader Development Panel Warrant Officer Study (ATLDP-WO), while working as a senior military analyst at HQ, TRADOC. Overall, his efforts helped lay the groundwork for building an evolutionary path leading to the recognition and utilization of today's Army Warrant Officers as leaders, advisors, and skilled technical experts, maximizing their contribution to Army readiness and combat effectiveness.

CW5 (Ret) Letendre's military awards include: Army Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/4 bronze oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon w/numeral 4; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/palm; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Vietnam Service Medal w/3 bronze service stars; and the Army Nuclear Reactor Operator Badge.

His military education includes: Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course; Warrant Officer Staff Course, Warrant Officer Advanced Course; Facilities Engineer Management Course; and the Army Nuclear Power Plant Operator Course. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from George Mason University; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from the University of Maryland; and an Associate in Science Degree in Engineering Technology from San Antonio College.

Since retiring, Bob continues to serve the military community. He is currently a member of the Fort Stewart Retired Soldier Council, providing key support and recommendations on critical issues, policies, and laws impacting retired soldiers, surviving spouses, and family members. He is also an active volunteer with the USO Central Florida at the Orlando international Airport, dedicated to assisting and supporting the needs of active duty military travelers and their families. His dedication truly reflects the “Soldier for Life” ethos.