



SFC Rooney Chapter Ordnance Corps Newsletter

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September 2014

Chapter Highlights:

President's Report

Chapter Mission: To preserve and honor the memory and contributions of SFC Robert Rooney (deceased) to the MA-ARNG, and to support the professional development of our members as well as support the OD Association National Chapter.

A general membership meeting took place on 29 Jan 2014 at Joint Force HQ -MA, HAFB.

Vice President's Report

We plan to conduct quarterly meetings at various locations (TBD) in and around Massachusetts and incorporate those meetings around a dinner gathering. Any nominations for OD Corps awards should be submitted to the Vice President. Contact any Chapter Officer for information and forms. Award costs will be paid for by the Chapter if funds are available.

Secretary's Report

The financial report was approved by the membership; funds on hand as of 29 JAN 2014 in the amount of \$100.00. Membership cards to be purchased for all members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer data is unavailable at this time.



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Membership Update

Currently, our SFC Rooney Ordnance Chapter membership is 37 members. More updated information to follow.



Website Update

Our Ordnance Chapter website is still under review...please stay tuned for up-to-date information. <http://ma-oca.org/>

National Level—What's Happenin'

http://www.goordnance.army.mil/history/history_index.html

The History of the Ordnance Corps

Please click on <http://www.goordnance.army.mil/> then go to the 'About Ordnance' Tab.



History
may lead
to new
insights!!!



Update on OD Issues

Fiscal constraints across DOD budgets continue to affect all training.

Condition Based Maintenance Pilot program under way during FY 14 (concept to reality); this is maintenance based on needs as a result of information derived from embedded sensors designed to manage life cycle management of the item. This is being conducted across multiple Army installations.

Elections



Nomination committee results due 01 NOV 2014 for those wishing to run for office; i.e. President, Vice, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as Executive Council

Elections to be held in the month of December 2014.



The Ordnance Soldier's Creed

As an Ordnance soldier of the United States Army, I will utilize every available talent and means to ensure that superior mobility, firepower, and communications are advantages enjoyed by the United States Army over its enemies.

As an Ordnance soldier, I fully understand my duty to perform under adverse conditions and I will continually strive to perfect my craft. I will remain flexible so that I can meet any emergency. In my



Local OD Soldier

- CW2 Jewell attended the Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) Oct-Dec 13 and graduated as the distinguished honor grad!
- David Painten, Justin Furtado and Christopher Fernandes (all from the UTES) start WOCS in April. WOC Dennis Bishop from FMS Framingham starts the WOCC in October 2013. 
- Joseph Mclellan, Jakub (Pili) Pilichowicz and James Pallotta (all from FMS Framingham) were promoted to Staff Sergeant with dates of rank in Sep 14. Mclellan is going to the 747 MP, Pili is going to Det 1, C Company 1-224 S&S, and Pallotta is going to the 1181st FSC. Congratulations Gentlemen...keep up the good work!



Pre-Announcement Scholarship Fund



- Focused goal is to award at a minimum a \$500.00 scholarship each May.
- Scheduled cookout set for October 18th to raise scholarship funds.

Safety



Tidbits

Some bikers put their motorcycles away after Labor Day weekend, but many look forward to what can be some of the best riding weather. If you're planning on riding during autumn, make sure your bike is safe and ready to handle the change of the season.

Check the Mechanics

After the summer riding season, your bike may need a tune-up. Check that all parts are functioning correctly and that you have good tread and air pressure in your tires. Make sure your fluid levels are good and that all controls are working properly. Please click on the picture above to access an online training video, or go to; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NR_eEo9XpKw

Wear Proper Clothing

Autumn has many temperature changes. It can be quite chilly in the morning and still reach the mid-70s or 80s in the afternoon, depending on where you are. The best thing you can do to adjust to the changes is to dress in layers. You should never wear cotton as a base layer. Use thermal underwear or something with a synthetic blend as your base layer. On top of the base layer, wear comfortable riding attire. Don't wear a hoodie, but rather a zip-up sweatshirt or shirt. Remember, you must wear the proper PPE when riding in military uniform, or on military installations.

Samuel Sharpe Award



Congratulations to now retired MSG Joseph M. Tavares upon receiving the Samuel Sharpe Award in February 2014! According to history, Samuel Sharpe was appointed to many positions in government during the very early years of this country. As the first settlers were arriving at the New World, many things would change about the government and life in general. The government of the Massachusetts Bay Colonies was resided over by a Governor, Deputy Governor, and a Council consisting of thirteen freemen. Mr. Sharpe served as one of these thirteen. He was also charged with the care of the "five pieces of Ordnance: that belonged to the colony." This took place in February of 1628. "GO ORDNANCE!"



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The Road Ahead!

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Special Thanks and Appreciation

- Special Thanks and Appreciation to LTC (R) Norman Long for agreeing to head up the Scholarship Committee! Thank You!
- SFC Allen Hendricks from FMS Westfield is retiring this month after 37 years as M-Day, and 33 years as a Federal Technician.
- SSG Richard Rivera from FMS Worcester is retiring this month after 30 years as M-Day, and 25 years as a Federal Technician.
- We certainly appreciate all they have contributed to the Massachusetts Army National Guard and to our Federal Technician Workforce. We send our congratulations and well-wishes for a long and happy retirement to these gentlemen! Job well done!

