



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SILVER CHAPTER 0211
UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

A HISTORY OF CHAPTER 0211

From Chartering in 1993 to Professional Partnership and Emerging Technology in 2026

Professionalism	Representation	Recognition
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Prepared as a permanent historical record for Chapter members, families, partners, and future Warrant Officers.

Historical record updated: August 2026

Purpose of This History

The Southern California Silver Chapter (0211) has served the Warrant Officer community of Southern California for more than three decades. This document consolidates the Chapter history presently supported by SCSC records, member-contributed historical material, current governance documents, and documented organizational records. It is intended to preserve the record while also identifying areas where additional archival material is still needed.

The record is intentionally written as a living history. Where the Chapter possesses specific dates, names, awards, and events, they are stated directly. Where the record remains incomplete, the narrative avoids filling the gaps with assumptions. Future officer rosters, photographs, newsletters, event programs, meeting minutes, and member recollections can be incorporated into later editions.

The history of Chapter 0211 belongs to its members. Preserving it protects the professional legacy of the Warrant Officer community and gives future members a record of the people, service, and partnerships that built the Chapter.

Origins: 1993

The Southern California Silver Chapter was established in 1993 by Army Warrant Officers who recognized the need for a professional organization serving active, retired, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard Warrant Officers throughout Southern California. During the organizational phase, CW3 Mary Carter served as interim president and helped guide the Chapter through its formative period.

Chapter 0211 received its official charter during the 1993 USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Following chartering, CW4 Joe Gill was elected as the Chapter's first president. In the same year, CW3 Mary Carter was elected to the USAWOA National Board of Directors, establishing an early pattern of Chapter participation in Association leadership beyond Southern California.

The available Chapter history describes those early members as building an organization centered on professional development, service, camaraderie, representation, and support of the Warrant Officer Corps. Those themes remain embedded in the Chapter's mission and bylaws today.

An Early Institutional Marker: 1995

U.S. Bank records reviewed by Chapter leadership in August 2026 show that the Chapter banking account was opened on January 25, 1995. The historical account title was recorded under the United States Warrant Officers Association. Although this banking record does not establish the original charter date, it provides an independent organizational record showing Chapter financial activity by early 1995.

Building the Foundation: 1994-1998

During the years following chartering, Chapter membership and participation expanded across Southern California. CW4 Joe Gill continued serving as Chapter president while members became increasingly active in USAWOA activities and national leadership.

The Chapter's professional standing was reflected in recognition received by its members. CW3 Mary Carter was selected for the CW4 Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year Award. The Chapter also celebrated recognition of the military family when Mrs. Loach, spouse of CW4 Paul Loach, was selected as the Virginia Holcombe Spouse of the Year.

These recognitions are important because they demonstrate that Chapter 0211's early identity was not limited to local fellowship. Its members and families were visible at the Association level and contributed to the professional culture of the Warrant Officer community.

1998: National Recognition

The year 1998 stands out as one of the clearest documented milestones in the Chapter's early history. CW4 Joe Gill was elected to the USAWOA National Board of Directors and served from 1998 through 2002. CW3 Farrell Chiles was selected as the CW4 Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year.

That same year, the Southern California Silver Chapter received USAWOA's Outstanding Recruiting and Retention Chapter Award. The award reflects a period in which Chapter 0211 was not only maintaining membership but actively contributing to the strength and continuity of the Association.

National Representation: 2002-2006

Chapter representation at the national level continued into the next decade. CW3 Farrell Chiles served on the USAWOA National Board of Directors from 2002 to 2004. CW4 Harry Wilson served on the National Board from 2002 through 2006. Their service sustained Southern California representation within USAWOA and continued the tradition established during the Chapter's formative years.

The available historical record does not yet provide a complete year-by-year roster of all Chapter officers during this period. Future editions should incorporate officer lists and meeting records as they are recovered.

Communications and Outreach: 2006-2008

Between 2006 and 2008, Marc Yablonka served as the Chapter's Communications Director. The historical record credits this period with expanded efforts to document Chapter activities and communicate accomplishments and events to members throughout the region. This communications work became especially valuable as the Chapter later began reconstructing its institutional history.

Preserving Military Heritage

Chapter 0211 has also used its activities to connect Warrant Officers with the broader history of American military service. During the late 2000s, the Chapter honored members of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen at a formal recognition dinner. The event recognized the Tuskegee Airmen's historic contributions to military aviation and national defense while reinforcing the Chapter's commitment to honoring military service beyond organizational boundaries.

2011: Distinguished Aviation Leaders

In 2011, retired Lieutenant Colonel Gene Boyer addressed Chapter members at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos. Boyer had served as an Army One pilot for Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford. During his appearance, he discussed his book, *Inside the President's Helicopter: Reflections of a White House Senior Pilot*.

Later that year, LTC Boyer and CW4 Carl Buchanan joined the Southern California Silver Chapter. The historical record identifies CW4 Buchanan, a Vietnam veteran, as the first African American Army aviator to fly a President of the United States. Their participation connected Chapter members directly with significant chapters of Army aviation and presidential support history.

During this period, Chapter breakfast meetings were regularly held at the Starting Gate restaurant in Orange County. Those gatherings provided an informal but important venue for active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Warrant Officers to maintain professional relationships and fellowship.

2012-2024: Continuing the Mission

The presently available historical files provide fewer specific dated events for the years after 2011. What is documented is continuity of the Chapter mission: supporting Army Warrant Officers and their families, maintaining professional relationships, preserving military heritage, encouraging mentorship and networking, and representing the Warrant Officer community in Southern California.

This period remains a priority for future archival development. Meeting minutes, newsletters, officer rosters, photographs, award announcements, scholarship records, recruiting milestones, and personal recollections from members and families are needed to create a more complete record.

1995-2024: Financial Identity and Current EIN

U.S. Bank records reviewed by Chapter leadership show that the Chapter account was opened on January 25, 1995 under the United States Warrant Officers Association. This is the earliest independently verified financial identity date presently documented in the Chapter record. The Chapter's current Employer Identification Number was later assigned by the Internal Revenue Service on June 13, 2024. Accordingly, January 25, 1995 is retained as the verified banking/account-establishment date, while June 13, 2024 remains the documented IRS EIN issuance date.

2025-2026: Renewal, Governance, and Expansion

The Chapter entered a period of renewed administrative development and external engagement in 2025 and 2026. Under President CW4 (Ret.) Harry Wilson and Vice President CW2 (Ret.) Wayne R. Mackey, Chapter 0211 strengthened governance, financial controls, fundraising capacity, public communications, and partnership development.

On July 24, 2026, the Chapter adopted updated bylaws. The bylaws reaffirm the Chapter's chartered relationship with the National Board of Directors of USAWOA and state that the Chapter exists to provide a structured local forum for Warrant Officers while supporting USAWOA's mission and professional standards. The bylaws identify objectives that include professional, technical, and social welfare; camaraderie; discussion of matters affecting Warrant Officers; and civic and charitable activities.

The 2026 bylaws also formalize the Chapter's ability to engage external organizations when partnerships support professional development, community outreach, or initiatives aligned with USAWOA objectives. They provide a framework for inter-chapter collaboration, grant-funded activity, financial accountability, fundraising, and Chapter leadership over initiatives originated by SCSC.

Emerging Technology and Workforce Development

A defining feature of the Chapter's current period is the expansion of professional and technical initiatives. Chapter 0211 has increasingly connected Warrant Officer operational experience with educators, government organizations, industry partners, veterans, and emerging professionals. Areas of activity include artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, hydrogen and advanced-energy systems, advanced mobility, logistics modernization, technical education, and workforce development.

This direction reflects an evolution in how the Chapter applies the traditional Warrant Officer role. Rather than limiting professional engagement to internal meetings, SCSC is positioning experienced technical leaders to help translate operational knowledge into education, workforce readiness, emerging technology integration, and future capability.

Financial Modernization and Fundraising

In 2026, Chapter leadership also began modernizing financial administration and fundraising. U.S. Bank records were reviewed to verify organizational history and current account controls. The Chapter approved electronic payment capability, including PayPal and Zelle procedures, and established a \$5,000 Projects & Events fundraising goal. These efforts were designed to improve auditability, increase accessibility for supporters, and create sustainable support for Chapter programs and events.

Partnership in Action

The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) provided \$1,000 in separate support for SCSC participation at the USAWOA Annual Meeting. The Chapter views this support as an example of professional partnership - connecting the Warrant Officer community with technical and professional organizations while maintaining the Chapter's independent mission and governance.

Historical Timeline

1993	Chapter 0211 established; charter received during the USAWOA Annual Meeting at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. CW3 Mary Carter served as interim president; CW4 Joe Gill became first elected president; Mary Carter elected to the USAWOA National Board of Directors.
1994-1998	Membership and participation expanded. CW3 Mary Carter received the CW4 Albert M. Holcombe Memorial Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year Award. Mrs. Loach, spouse of CW4 Paul Loach, received the Virginia Holcombe Spouse of the Year recognition.
25 Jan 1995	U.S. Bank records show the Chapter account opening date, providing an independent institutional record of Chapter financial activity.
1998	CW4 Joe Gill elected to the USAWOA National Board of Directors (1998-2002). CW3 Farrell Chiles received the Holcombe Memorial Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year Award. Chapter 0211 received USAWOA Outstanding Recruiting and Retention Chapter recognition.
2002-2004	CW3 Farrell Chiles served on the USAWOA National Board of Directors.
2002-2006	CW4 Harry Wilson served on the USAWOA National Board of Directors.
2006-2008	Marc Yablonka served as Communications Director and supported documentation and outreach.
Late 2000s	Chapter honored members of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.
2011	LTC Gene Boyer addressed Chapter members at JFTB Los Alamitos. Later, Boyer and CW4 Carl Buchanan joined Chapter 0211. Breakfast meetings were regularly held at the Starting Gate restaurant.
2012-2024	Chapter continued professional development, mentorship, networking, heritage preservation, advocacy, and community support; archival record for this period remains incomplete.
13 Jun 2024	IRS assigned Chapter 0211 its current EIN.
24 Jul 2026	Updated SCSC bylaws adopted, formalizing governance, partnerships, fundraising, inter-chapter collaboration, and financial administration.
2026	Chapter expanded emerging-technology and workforce-development initiatives; modernized electronic payments and fundraising; ATMAE provided \$1,000 AMM support; \$5,000 Projects & Events campaign established.

Legacy and Continuing Responsibility

The documented history of Southern California Silver Chapter 0211 shows a recurring pattern: local Warrant Officers organizing to serve one another, Chapter members rising into national USAWOA leadership, recognition of professional excellence, preservation of military heritage, and adaptation to the needs of each generation.

The Chapter's current emphasis on professional partnerships, emerging technology, workforce development, and improved financial systems should be understood as a continuation of that history rather than a departure from it. The technical environment has changed, but the underlying Warrant Officer contribution remains familiar - connecting specialized expertise, leadership, practical experience, and mission execution.

The next phase of Chapter history will depend on continued member participation and deliberate preservation of records. A complete institutional history requires more than a timeline of officers and awards; it also requires photographs, personal stories, meeting locations, family contributions, community service, scholarships, professional partnerships, and the experiences that explain why Chapter 0211 mattered to its members.

Call for Historical Contributions

Former and current members, family members, friends, and partner organizations are encouraged to contribute materials that strengthen the historical record. Priority items include:

- Officer and director rosters by year
- Photographs from Chapter meetings, social events, recognition ceremonies, and community activities
- Award announcements and certificates
- Scholarship, recruiting, retention, and community-outreach records
- Meeting locations, significant events, and Annual Meeting participation
- Chapter newsletters, programs, correspondence, memorabilia, and archived web material
- Personal recollections from members and families

Source Record for This Edition

- SCSC historical narrative and timeline compiled from member-contributed records and the June 2026 Chapter history preservation effort.
- Southern California Silver Chapter 0211 bylaws, adopted July 24, 2026.
- IRS CP 575 E notice assigning the Chapter EIN, dated June 13, 2024.
- U.S. Bank account-history information reviewed by Chapter leadership in August 2026.
- Current SCSC website/history drafts and 2026 Chapter administrative records.

Historical caution: This edition reflects the record presently available to the Chapter. Some dates, officer rosters, and activities remain incomplete and should be expanded when primary records or member documentation become available.



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