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Local native achieves highest rank as an Army Warrant Officer

Harrison Township, Mich. – Feb. 6, 2012 – Last week, Chief Warrant Officer Five Tracy Underkoffler was honored during a promotion ceremony at Selfridge Air National Guard Base for reaching the highest rank achievable as an Army Warrant Officer. Army Warrant Officers are highly specialized experts and trainers in their career fields, proving invaluable levels of expertise and leadership to their commanders and organizations.

Many high ranking Army officials were in attendance during the ceremony including the TACOM Life Cycle Management Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Kurt J. Stein and the Program Executive Officer for Combat Services and Combat Service Support (PEO CS&CSS), Kevin M. Fahey.

During the ceremony, Fahey addressed Underkoffler's achievements as an Army Warrant Officer throughout his 29-year career, noting significant career highlights as well as his unprecedented dedication to serving the U.S. Army.

"The U.S. Army promotes based on potential, and he has reached the pinnacle of his chosen career field. He should be proud," remarked Fahey.

His deployments include supporting operations in Africa, Europe, Central America, and the Caribbean, while previous assignments abroad have included home stations in Kuwait and Germany. In his current position, as a Marine Engineer Manager and Technical Advisor for the Product Director Army Watercraft Systems, Underkoffler provides guidance and expertise across a range of Army watercraft systems.

"Everything he's done to date is nothing compared to what's to come," said Fahey.

After completing basic training and graduating from the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School as an Improved Hawk Continuous Wave Radar Repairer, Underkoffler was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 32 Army Air Defense Command in Giessen, Germany, providing direct support maintenance services to Hawk Missile sites across the Fulda Gap. Once he was accepted as a Warrant Officer Candidate and after graduating from Warrant Officer Candidate School in Fort Rucker, Ala., Underkoffler completed the Marine Engineering Officer Basic Course and began his initial assignment as an Army Transportation Officer with the 73rd Transportation Company, Fort Eustis, Va. After subsequent assignment as Chief Engineer in the 97th Transportation Company, Underkoffler served as the Chief Engineer of the 411th Transportation Detachment (Logistics Support Vessel-6) 3rd Army, Area Support Group Kuwait.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Underkoffler was presented with a historic Civil War Bounty Letter belonging to Peter Underkoffler of Montgomery County, Pa. who is believed to be one of his ancestors.