

Joseph Ecozcue, Jr.

Chief Warrant Officer Four, U.S. Army, Retired

Joseph Ecozcue, Jr. served as Warrant Officer of the Corps from 1987 to 1990. He received his appointment as a Warrant Officer One (WO1) on April 26, 1975 and finished his legal administrator career as the Warrant Officer of the Corps in September 1990.

Born in Texas on October 30, 1944, Ecozcue enlisted in the Army in June 1965. He served two years active duty as a paratrooper before transferring to the Army Reserve in 1967.

After obtaining his degree from the University of Texas, El Paso, Joe Ecozcue re-entered active duty in November 1972. He served as a legal clerk with 2d Infantry Division in Korea.

Appointed as a WO1 in April 1975, Ecozcue served at 1st Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina until October, when he was reassigned to Fort Eustis, Virginia. Less than a year later, WO1 Ecozcue transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland. Assigned to the U.S. Army Claims Service, he served as the Chief, Management and Budget Office from 1976 to 1980. Chief Warrant Officer Two (CW2) Ecozcue (he was promoted in April 1977) managed an annual budget of \$80 million. During this period, he also was an integral player in processing and paying claims arising out of the 1979 revolution in Iran.

From 1980 to 1982, CW3 Ecozcue (he was promoted in October 1981) served as the legal administrator at V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany. He transferred to U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army in March 1982 and served in Heidelberg until departing for the Warrant Officer Advanced Course in February 1984.

From March until August 1985, CW3 Ecozcue attended the Warrant Officer Senior Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama. After graduation, he reported for duty to the U.S. Army Air Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as the legal administrator until March 1987.

CW3 Ecozcue began his tour as Warrant Officer of the Corps in March 1987. His chief role was to be career manager for approximately 70 legal administrator warrant officers assigned to various locations. During his tenure, CW4 Ecozcue (he was promoted in October 1988) participated in the revision of the legal administrator job description when the Army looked at eliminating warrant officers in the Corps. He also established an annual training course for legal administrators at The Judge Advocate General's School. Finally, CW4 Ecozcue documented the need for two Master Warrant Officer positions in the Corps; this would permit one or more legal administrators to be promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Five when that rank was established in 1991.

CW4 Ecozcue had nearly thirty years of service when he retired in September 1990.