

SOUTHEASTERN REGION USAWOA ANNUAL REPORT AMM 2005

President Valiant, Members of the Board of Directors, Chapter Officers and fellow Warrants.

As I complete my first year leading and supporting the Southeastern Region of the USAWOA, I am proud to be surrounded by the fine Chapter Presidents, Officers and members of our largest region.

The year started out with a bump in the road in January, with our first meeting being devastated by the Ice Storm, which hit Atlanta. Only one Chapter President and my self made it to the meeting site. We were then stranded there for the weekend as nothing was able to move for a day and a half. We had successful meetings in April and July with great attendance and participation. Our next meeting is set for 19 November, at which time, we will digest the results of this Annual Meeting, and begin detailed planning for the 2006 AMM which our region will be hosting. (More about that later)

This region is well, although troubled, by the problems being experienced by all our regions. Unit and individual deployments have made it difficult and at times impossible for some Chapters to function. The region has at least one Chapter, The Marne Chapter (Ft. Stewart, GA) which is so splintered that efforts to maintain it, have been to no avail, as its records and treasury information cannot be found. I hope that when this report is printed in the "Newsliner", someone with knowledge of this information, will read this and be able to point us in the right direction.

On the bright side, Our Chapter at Ft. Gordon, under the leadership of CW2 Kenton Groombrige, and the Above The Best Chapter at Ft. Rucker, lead by CW4 John C. Meyers, have been revitalized and carrying on the WOA tradition of excellence. In addition the Coqui Chapter in San Juan/Coqui, PR under the leadership of CW4(P) Jose Hernandez is pulling it self together.

Additional Chapters, Florida lead by CW4(Ret) Dick Sauer, Forever Forward lead by CW4 Charles Moss, Fort Bragg Silver lead by

CW5(Ret) Fred Norman, Greater Atlanta lead by CW4 (Ret) Stephen Noon, Rising Eagle lead by CW4 Paul Parker and Swampfox lead by CW5 Brian Callaway are all doing well and having many success's with their Chapter activities. Active Chapters, such as these, are the nucleus of this organization. Hat's Off Too You All!

On the less positive side. Three Chapters, The Volunteer Chapter, the Vulcan Chapter and the Puerto Rico Chapter have remained out of communication with the Region. The Coqui Chapter is attempting to absorb the members of the Puerto Rico Chapter. As I understand it Ft. Buchanan is being/or has been closed. I hope that USAWOA members from those Chapters will take it upon them selves to Communicate with me or the National Office upon reading this report.

As I mentioned earlier, we will be hosting the 2006 AMM in our region. The site will be at the Hilton Hotel, in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Florida Chapter will be the lead, with all other Southeastern Chapters in support. This area has much to offer in addition to a place to hold a meeting. There are many Beaches, Museums, Historic Sites, Theme Parks, Restaurants and Watering Holes in the area. Many of these are within easy walking distance. Many may be reached by inexpensive ground transportation. This is a Family Friendly Region.

In closing, I am proud that the members of the Southeastern Region had the faith in me to work for them. Warrant Officers are an essential part of the United States Army. Those that have chosen to be a part of the USAWOA are the "RLWO's" (Real Live Warrant Officers) of this Corp.

Professionally and Respectfully Submitted,

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