

WESTERN REGION

State of the Region – October 2006

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Hello everyone! What a great day it is to be here in the South Eastern Region, with many of my fellow Warrant Officers. The Western Region's very first chapter started in 1972 at Fort Huachuca, AZ. (The Arizona Silver Chapter).

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THE WESTERN REGION'S TEAM

DIRECTOR: CW4R Harry C Wilson JR

Deputy Director: CW3R Joe Gill

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- From the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.
- Across the Pacific Through out the Pacific Rim.
- From Canada to Mexico. We are the (Wild) Western Region.

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First of all, let us join together with the rest of America in Saluting our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, the Cost Guard and the Marines for the outstanding job they are doing winning the battle against terrorism. (Clap)

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The OPTEMPO for the operations in Afghanistan and Iraq plus the Border Mission has caused Major Challenges to all of our Chapters, **World Wide.**

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As a result many chapters have:

- **Struggled to Stay Alive**
- **Been Unable to Charter**
- **Gone into receivership**
- **Continued as Usual (most of these have Retired Warrants Officers in some of the Chapter Officer position)**
- **Gone to War as a whole.**
- **Have been inundated with:**
 - **AIT Students**
 - **Mobilized WO's**

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REGION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Re-designed Region Web Site
 - <http://usawoa-westernregion.org/index.html>
- The Wild West Review continues in Electronic Circulation
- Two-Way Communications Continues

Many of our Mobilized chapter members communicate with me on a Daily Basics via E-Mail.

- Chapter Visitations are continuing
 - AMM 2005 in Tucson First 'On-Line' Reservations
 - First Statewide Multi-Chapter Meeting with all Three of the Arizona Chapters in attendance
 - Developed a Regional Recognition Certificate
 - Mare Island Chapter (North East of San Francisco, Ca) Ready to be Chartered
 - Goldrush Chapter- First Western Region Best Web Site Award Winner- 2006
The Director will shortly deliver their \$100.00 Award
- Seventeen (17) of our Eighteen (18) active chapters are up and running to National Standards- with Four (4) more in the works.

SINCE OCTOBER 2005

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CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Norcal Chapter Northern California- Annually awards three \$500.00 Scholarships to Freshmen College Students. This was accomplished by having Garage Sales and a Golf Tournament.

The HAFA ADAI Chapter Organizing Guam- is half way to their Charter and Competed in the Western Region's Website Awards Program. (All of this in spite of the Guam National Guard being mobilized)

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Arizona Silver Chapter, Fort Huachuca, AZ -This Chapter uses the proceeds from their most successful Memorabilia sales program and their Annual Golf tournament to Award Four (4) \$500.00 Scholarships this year to the children of Chapter members.

Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter, AZ - Hosted the 2005 AMM
Hosted the First Multi-Chapter Arizona Meeting, with the Three (3) Arizona Chapters in attendance

Developed and marketed ROTC Medals that are awarded to the best Cadet in each high school grade level

Presented Medals to Outstanding JROTC Cadets at Tucson High Schools

Used proceeds from the Metal sales and golf Tournament to Award a \$1000.00 Scholarship to outstanding graduating JROTC Cadets from Flowing Wells High School in Tucson, AZ.

Northwest Chapter, WA - Revitalized and increased Active membership in spite of Heavy Mobilizations Thanks to CW4 Rita Vacek and CW3 Chuck Ziegert.
Actively finding missing USAWOA members in their area of Responsibility

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Roadrunner Chapter, AZ - This Chapter has again come alive. Thanks to CW2 Rita Ybarra. CW2 Ybarra addressed the very first Graduating class of the WOCC at their RTL. Each Graduating WO1 received a coin, a Warrant Officer Hat and of course an Application to join the USAWOA

Morning Calm, Korea - This chapter is another chapter that has been revitalized, Thanks to CW5 John Chizmar
This Chapter just finished putting on a **FREE** Warrant Officer Luncheon with around 40 Warrant officers in Attendance.

Painted Rock Chapter, CA- This is another chapter that became revitalized due to CW3 Timothy McCarter.
They just held their chapter Elections and are working on a Family Brunch or Dinner.

Trailblazer Chapter, WA - This chapter is trying very hard to bring its members back into the chapter. They are finding it very hard when their military facility is being closed and many of them travel a long distance to get to this facility.

Goldrush Chapter, Sacramento, CA - Many of these CA ARNG members are just now returning from serving in Iraq. The remaining members that are at home during the Christmas Holidays they passed out gifts at their local VA Hospital to Vets. (A very busy chapter)

Southern California Chapter, Los Angeles/Los Alamitos, CA This chapter has continued to have their Annual Christmas Brunch. I believe the one coming up will be their 8th Annual Christmas Brunch. This Brunch always brings together Warrant Officers from out of State and Warrant Officers from all over the Southern California area. The Southern California is third on the list of the Joint Forces Training Base list for setting up a booth for the Training Bases Annual 4th of July celebration. (Normally around 25,000 people attend this free 4th of July celebration. Only about Two hundred of the 25,000 attendees are military. This Chapter also gave out three \$500.00 Scholarships this year in a joint effort with the Reserve Officers Association to a Warrant Officers family member. The chapter continues to support their very beautiful Chapel Stained Glass Window project. Anyone who has ever

been a member of the Southern California Chapter of the USAWOA, who passes on will have their name mounted on a plaque next to the window, which is on the East side of the Chapel. This window can be seen as you drive into the JFTB.

The remaining active chapters I have not received a report from We've communicated back and forth and like others with Mobilizations they are working very hard to maintain their active status.

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In the works:

Sunrise Chapter (Organizing) Las Vegas, NV
Mare Island Chapter (Provisional) Vallejo, Ca
Waiting for their Charter to be delivered.
Silver State (Organizing) Reno, NV
Salem OR (Looking for a Spark Plug)

Our chapters that are in an Organizing status are working very hard.

The Sunrise chapter in Las Vegas, NV can not seem to find the secret of how to get their membership together to elect officers.

The Silver State Chapter in Reno, NV keeps dropping their membership and can not seem to keep ten members in order to have an Election.

The Hafa Adai Chapter in Guam is on the move in spite of the Guam National Guard being mobilized. At last count they had five members and have established a web site.

The Mare Island Chapter Organizing is ready to be chartered. They have the members and have had their elections and have written their chapter By-Laws.

Western Region Goals for 2006

- Regional Director to visit each chapter by the 2007 AMM
- Five New Chapters by the 2007 AMM
- Obtain 1200 members with in the region by the 2007 AMM
- Have all current eighteen chapters up and running to standard by the 2007 AMM
- I would like to thank all of the Western Region members for allowing me to represent them.
- I hope each of you enjoy your stay here and return home safely.
- **RECRUIT AND COMMUNICATE**

I hope to see all of you in SAN ANTONIO NEXT YEAR

CW4R Harry Wilson
Western Region Director